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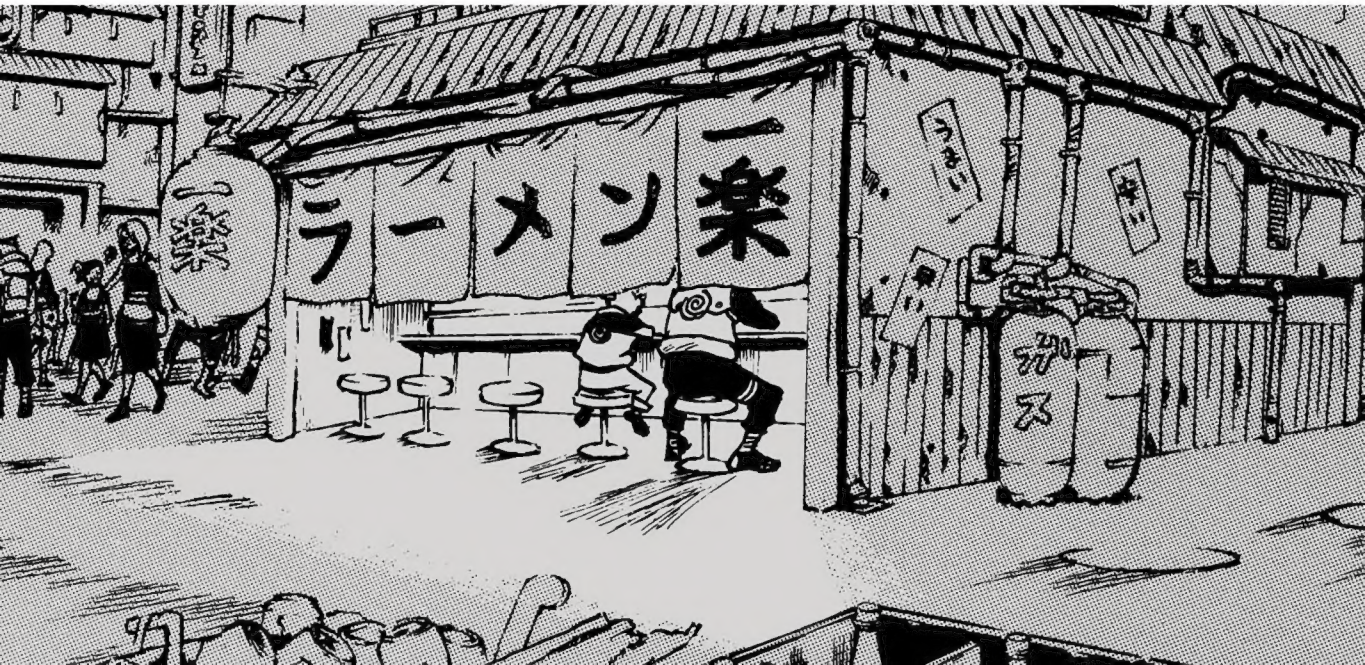
Greetings. With everyone's support, my first comic has been published. I'm ecstatic. Speaking of ecstatic, the first time I won an award for one of my manga, I was so happy I was flying high. But this time is 10 times better than that. I don't know how to say it, but this is the happiest moment of my life. But I guess I'm happiest knowing that this comic will be read and enjoyed. Yup, that's it!

—Masashi Kishimoto, 2000

Author/artist Masashi Kishimoto was born in 1974 in rural Okayama Prefecture, Japan. After spending time in art college, he won the Hop Step Award for new manga artists with his manga **Karakuri** ("mechanism"). Kishimoto decided to base his next story on traditional Japanese culture. His first version of **Naruto**, drawn in 1997, was a one-shot story about fox spirits; his final version, which debuted in **Weekly Shonen Jump** in 1999, quickly became the most popular ninja manga in Japan.



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UZUMAKI NARUTO!!

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ONCE UPON A TIME, THERE LIVED A FOX SPIRIT WITH NINE TAILS, AND HE WAS SO POWERFUL THAT WHENEVER HE SHOOK THOSE TAILS, LANDSLIDES AND TSUNAMIS WOULD RESULT.
THE SUFFERING PEOPLE GATHERED THE GREAT SHINOBI CLANS TO FIGHT THIS MENACE. FINALLY, RISKING HIS LIFE, ONE NINJA WAS ABLE TO IMPRISON ITS SOUL.
HAVING DEFATED THE DEMON, THE BRAVE SHINOBI DIED.
THAT SHINOBI WAS THE FOURTH HOKAGE, THE FIRE SHADOW, CHAMPION OF THE VILLAGE HIDDEN IN THE LEAVES...

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YES? WHAT IS IT? SOME NEW OUTRAGE BY NARUTO, I PRESUME?

LORD HOKAGE!!!

HMF.

IN PAINT!!

THAT YOUNG DEVIL IS GRAFFITI-ING THE MOUNTAINSIDE IMAGES OF ALL THE HEROES OF OUR VILLAGE— YOUR HONORED FOREBEARS!

ENOUGH WITH THE STUPID PRANKS!

WE'RE SICK OF IT! GROW THE HECK UP!

LOOK AT 'IM...

YOU ARE DEAD WHEN THEY CATCH YOU! YOU KNOW THAT?

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YOU DON'T HAVE WHAT IT TAKES TO DO SOMETHING THIS LOW!

I RULE, AND YOU DROOL!

LOOOOSERS!! WANNA-BE'S!

LORD HOKAGE... I CAN'T APOLOGIZE ENOUGH...

TAK!

EH?

HOW DARE YOU?! WHO DO YOU THINK YOU ARE?!

IT'S MY TEACHER, MASTER IRUKA! I'M SO SCREWED!

WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU'RE DOING, YOU IDIOT? GET DOWN FROM THERE AND GET BACK TO CLASS!

OH! IS THAT YOU, IRUKA...?

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SO YOU CHOSE NOW FOR YOUR STUPID TRICKS? YOU MORON!

TOMORROW ALL YOUR CLASSMATES WILL PASS THE FINAL AND GRADUATE FROM THE NINJA ACADEMY, BUT THE LAST TWO TIMES THIS DAY CAME AROUND, YOU FLUNKED EVERY COURSE YOU'D TAKEN IN THE SECRET ARTS.

WHAT???!!!

TODAY IN CLASS WE'LL BE REVIEWING THE ART OF TRANS-FORMATION.

ALL YOU HAVE TO DO IS... CONJURE A FORM THAT LOOKS LIKE ME!

SIR, YES, SIR!

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RIGHT. WELL DONE.

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NEXT UP, UZUMAKI.

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THIS IS ALL YOUR FAULT!!

YEAH, YEAH, YEAH!

CHANGE!!!

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THIS SUCKS!

BUT, HERE GOES NOTHING...

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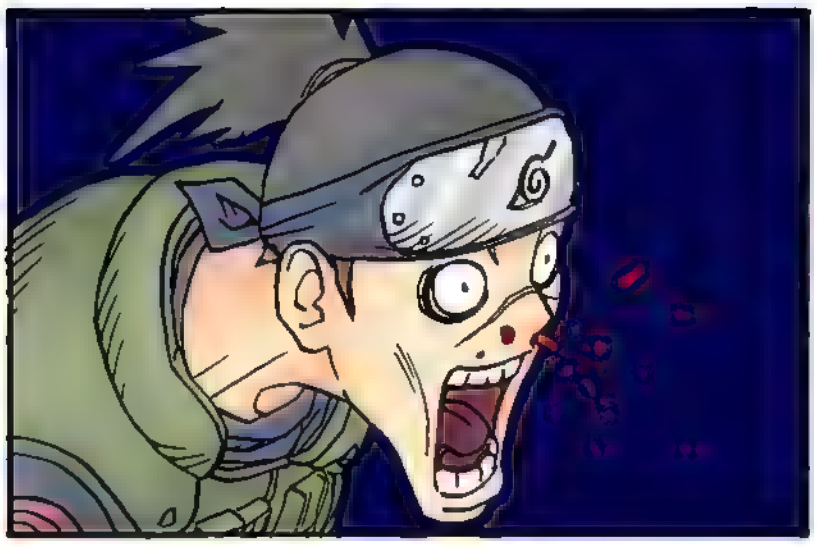

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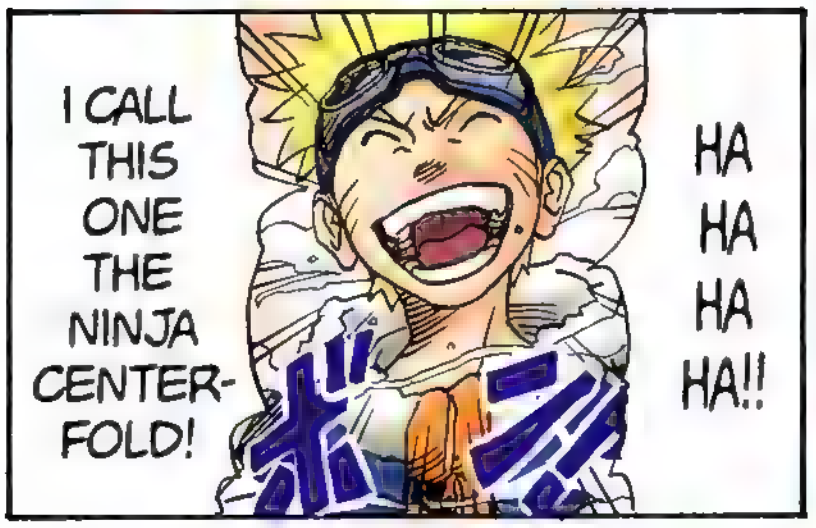
I CALL THIS ONE THE NINJA CENTER-FOLD!
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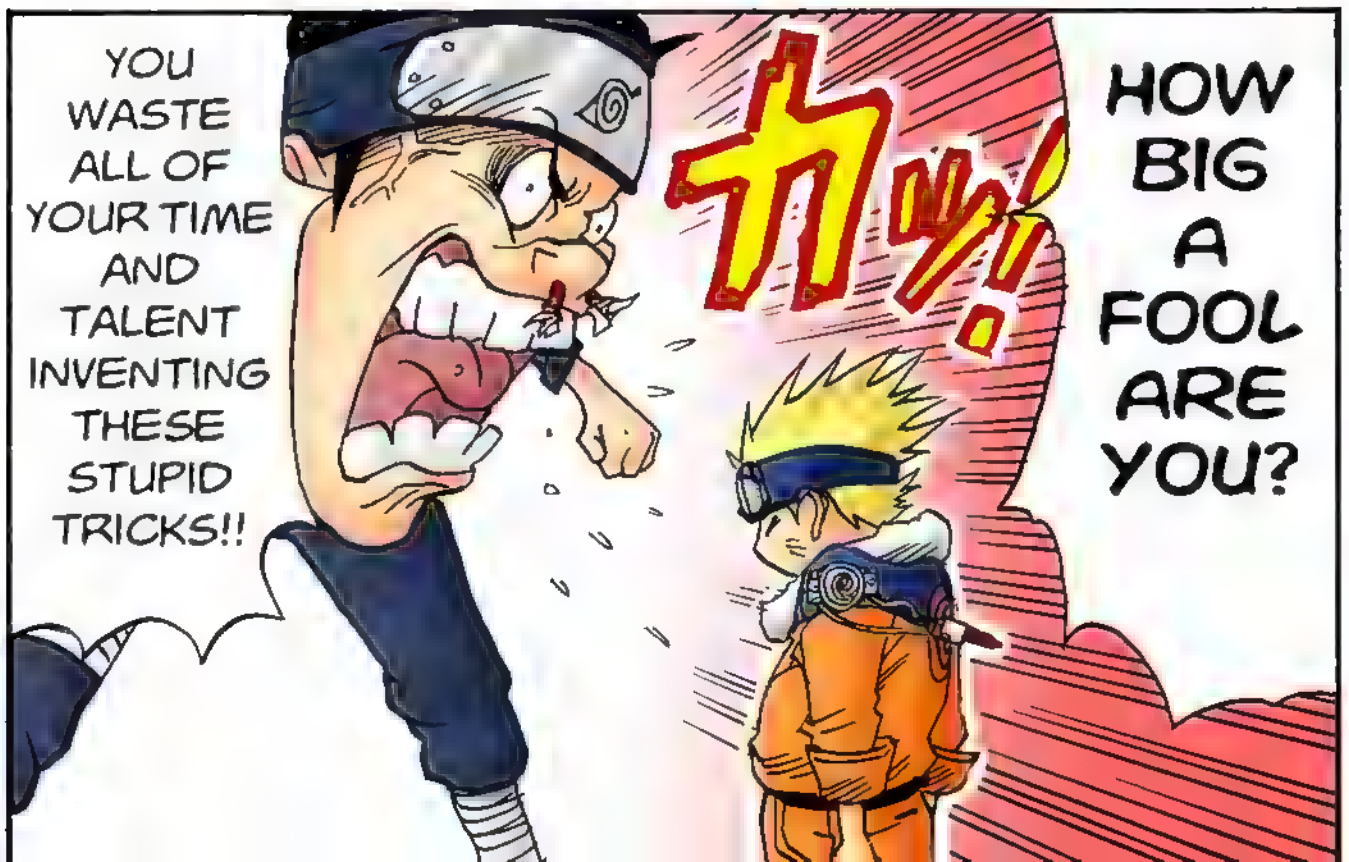
YOU WASTE ALL OF YOUR TIME AND TALENT INVENTING THESE STUPID TRICKS!!
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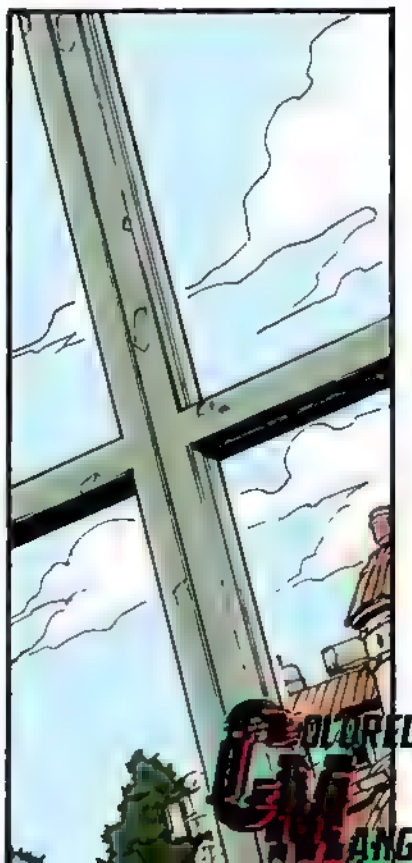
HOW BIG A FOOL ARE YOU?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CRAP.

DOUBLE CRAP

HAH!

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YOU DON'T LEAVE HERE UNTIL EVERY DROP OF PAINT IS GONE!

SO? IT'S NOT LIKE THERE'S ANYONE WAITING AT HOME FOR ME.

NARUTO...

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I'LL...

WE COULD...

I'LL BUY YOU A BOWL OF RAMEN.

WELL...

ONCE YOU'RE THROUGH HERE...

NOW WHAT?

YEAH, BABY! TALK ABOUT MOTIVATION!

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NARUTO...

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HE'D HAVE TO HAVE BEEN THE BEST SHINOBI IN THE VILLAGE.

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TO INHERIT THE HOKAGE NAME...

OF COURSE!

I MEAN, YOU DO KNOW WHO LORD HOKAGE IS, RIGHT?

WHY, OF ALL PLACES, DID YOU CHOOSE TO DEFACE THAT SPOT?

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BECAUSE ONE OF THESE DAYS, THEY'LL BE CALLING ME LORD HOKAGE!

OK, THEN... WHY!

IT WAS THE FOURTH LORD HOKAGE WHO SAVED OUR TOWN BY FINDING A WAY TO BEAT THE DEMON FOX.

I'M GOING TO SURPASS EVERY ONE WHO CAME BEFORE ME!

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ANOTHER BOWL OF RAMEN?

.....BY THE WAY ....MASTER, I NEED A FAVOR..

UHHH... YOUR HEADBAND. THAT LEAF YOU'RE WEARING... *PRETTY PLEASE?!* ♡

AND WHEN THAT DAY COMES, EVERYONE IN TOWN WILL HAVE TO GIVE ME SOME RESPECT AT LAST!

IT'S A BADGE OF ADULTHOOD. YOU DON'T GET ONE UNTIL YOU GRADUATE!

MY... THIS? NO. NOT YET. NO WAY.

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HAH! SO THAT'S WHY YOU TOOK OFF YOUR GOGGLES!

HEY!

MORE RAMEN HERE!

WHAT A RIP-OFF!

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THAT'S MY WORST TECHNIQUE!

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DOPPEL-GANGERS? WHY DID IT HAVE TO BE DOPPEL-GANGERS?

WAIT HERE UNTIL YOUR NAME IS CALLED, AND THEN COME NEXT DOOR.

FOR YOUR FINAL EXAM, YOU MUST EACH GENERATE A DOPPEL-GANGER!

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BEHOLD! A PERFECT DOUBLE!

BUT... HERE GOES NOTHING!

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MASTER IRUKA...

YOU FAIL!!!

BUT WHAT IF WE JUST GIVE HIM A BREAK AND...

...I'M NOT THAT GREAT AT DOPPEL-GANGERS, MYSELF!

.....THIS IS HIS THIRD TIME, AND HE DID MANAGE TO BASICALLY CONJURE UP HIS OTHER SELF, EVEN IF IT WAS A LITTLE FLAWED...

WITH ALL DUE RESPECT, HIS PERFORM-ANCE DOESN'T MERIT A PASSING GRADE.

NARUTO ONLY PRODUCED ONE, AND HE DID IT VERY BADLY.

THE ANSWER IS NO, MIZUKI.

EVERY STUDENT IS SUPPOSED TO GENERATE THREE DOPPEL-GANGERS...

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YEAH, THAT'S HIM. THE ONLY ONE WHO FAILED!

HEY, ISN'T HE THE KID WHO --?

CAN YOU IMAGINE IF THEY LET SOMEONE LIKE THAT BECOME A SHINOBI...?!

SERVES HIM RIGHT...

I MEAN, THINK ABOUT WHAT HE IS...

DON'T EVEN GO THERE.

SO NOW, WE'RE ALL ADULTS!

GREAT JOB, SON. YOUR OLD MAN IS PROUD!

CONGRAT-ULATIONS, GRADUATE! TONIGHT, MOM'S GONNA COOK UP A FEAST!!

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OF COURSE.

IRUKA, COULD I HAVE A WORD LATER...?

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MASTER MIZUKI...!

NARUTO.

SO EVERYTHING HE'S ACCOMPLISHED HE DID BY HIMSELF, WITH A LOT OF HARD WORK AND DISCIPLINE

MASTER IRUKA IS A REALLY SERIOUS GUY... HIS PARENTS DIED WHEN HE WAS YOUNG..

SO...? WHAT'S THAT GOT TO DO WITH ME?

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HE THINKS HE'S HELPING YOU TO GROW STRONG.

SO YOU REMIND HIM OF HIMSELF.

....ONE ORPHAN TO ANOTHER?....

TRY TO GIVE THE GUY A BREAK... CAN'T YOU UNDERSTAND WHERE HE'S COMING FROM?

LET ME TELL YOU A SECRET THAT I'VE BEEN KEEPING FOR A LONG TIME.

HUNH?

THEN... I GUESS THERE'S NO CHOICE.

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BUT... I REALLY WANTED TO GRADUATE.

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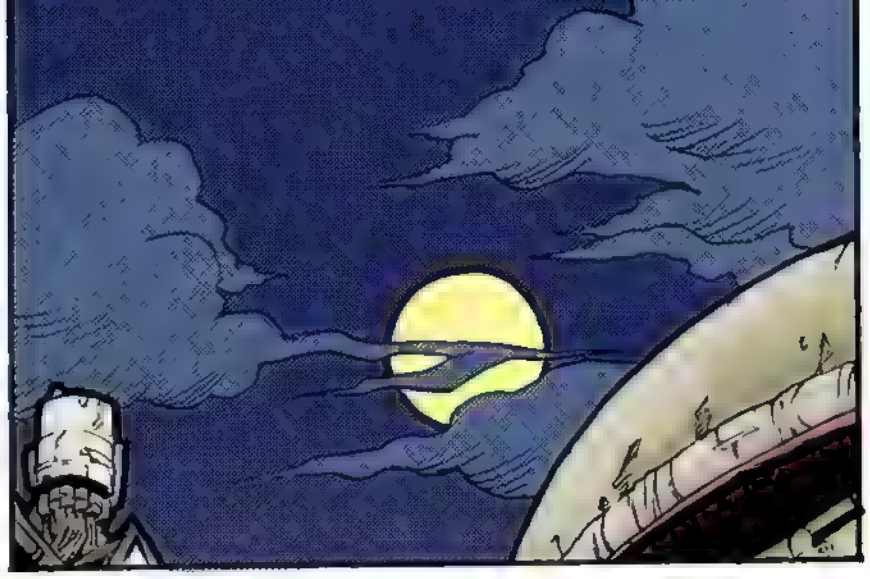

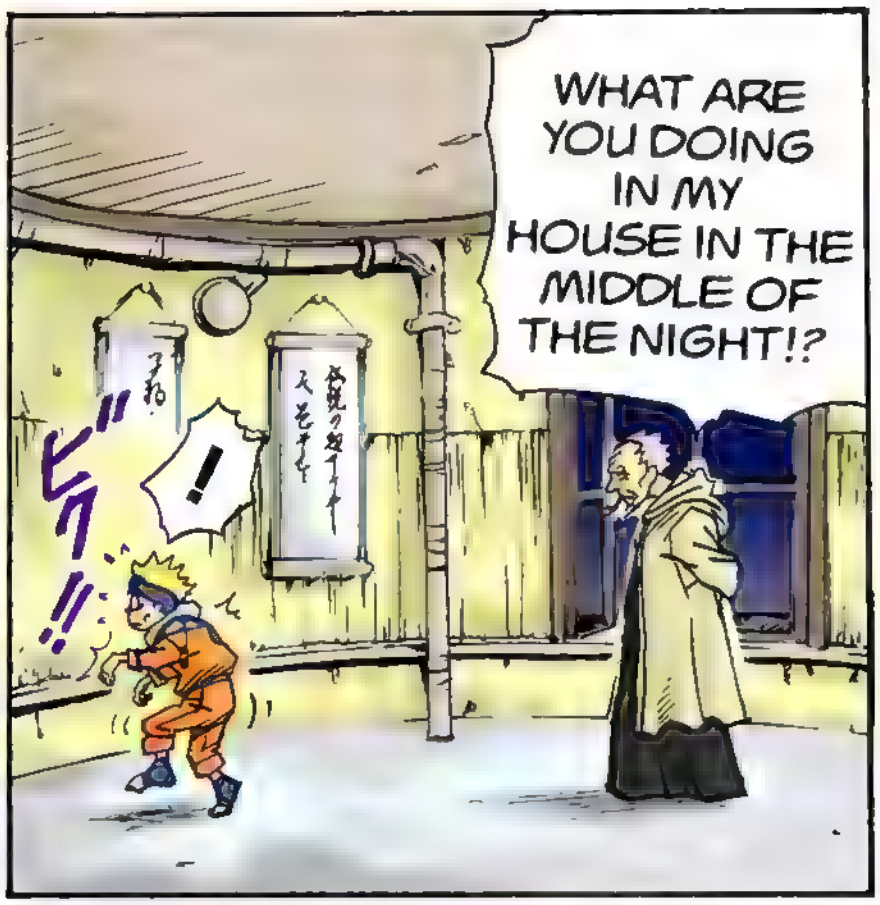

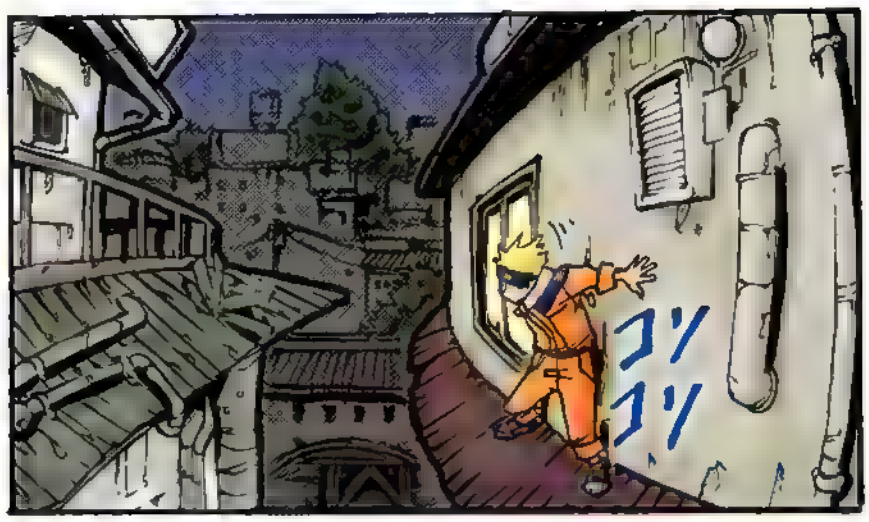

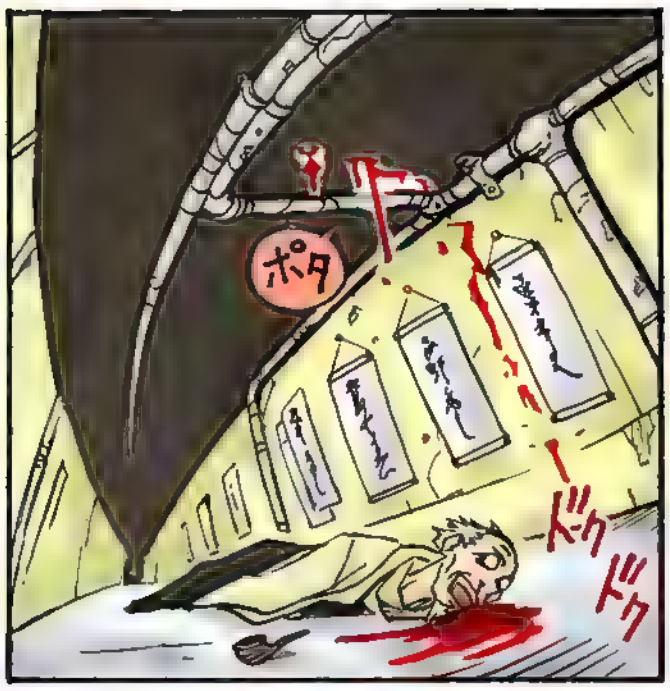

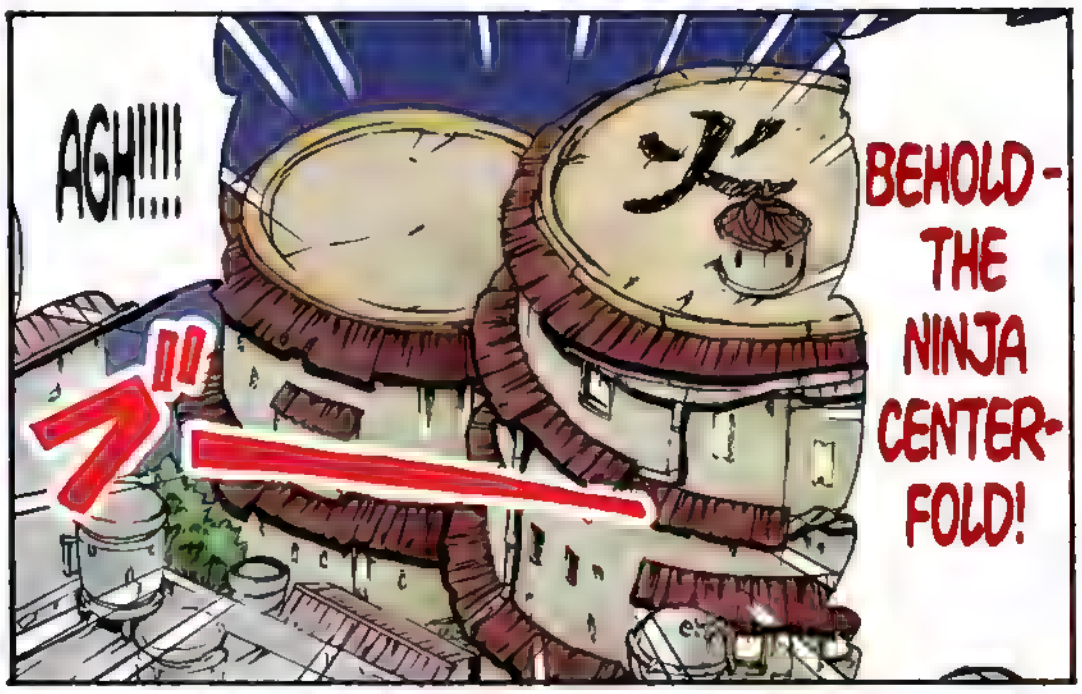

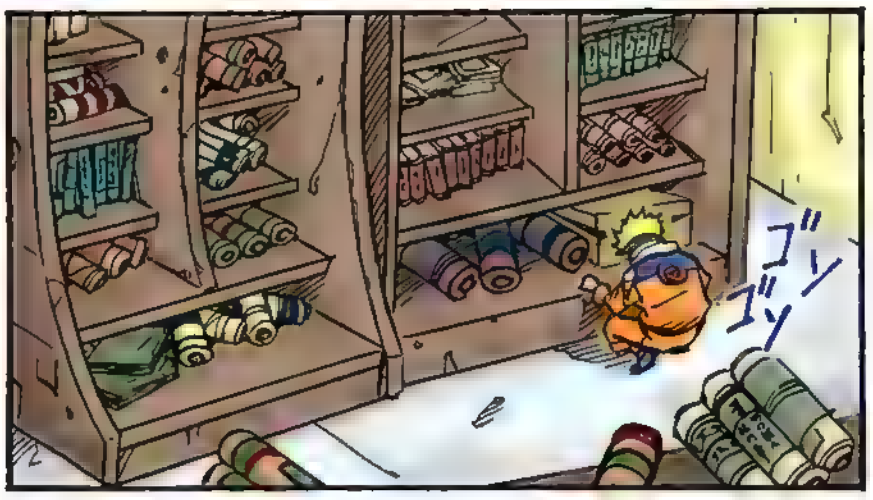

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MAN! MY LEAST FAVORITE ART, AND SUDDENLY IT'S TURNING UP ALL OVER!

OKAY, LET'S SEE. THE FIRST TECHNIQUE IN THE SCROLL IS MULTIPLE DOPPEL-GANGERS...

I DO UNDER-STAND HOW YOU FEEL ABOUT THE BOY...

GROWING UP, LIKE YOU, WITHOUT HIS PARENTS' LOVE...

IRUKA...

YES, LORD HOKAGE?

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AAUUGH...!

MOM AND DAD... THEY'RE STILL FIGHTING THE DEMON!!

LET ME GO!!

WE'VE GOT TO HOLD ON UNTIL LORD HOKAGE GETS HERE!

I'M AFRAID...

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WHAT'S UP?

IT'S NARUTO.

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LORD HOKAGE!!

THIS TIME HE'S GONE TOO FAR!!

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...SOMEHOW HE'S FOUND OUT ABOUT AND STOLEN THE SECRET MANUSCRIPT!

IF MISUSED, IN THE WRONG HANDS, IT COULD BE DEADLY!

THE SCROLL HE HAS TAKEN IS SO DANGEROUS THAT THE VERY FIRST HOKAGE SEALED IT AWAY!

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HAAH!!!!

IT WAS TAKEN HALF A DAY AGO.

WE HAVE TO FIND HIM!

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I'LL TRY THE FOREST FIRST!

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IF IT'S DISCOVERED THAT HE STOLE THE SECRET MANUSCRIPT AND THEN DISAPPEARED...

ONCE WORD OF THIS SPREADS THROUGHOUT THE VILLAGE, THAT SHOULD BE IT FOR NARUTO...

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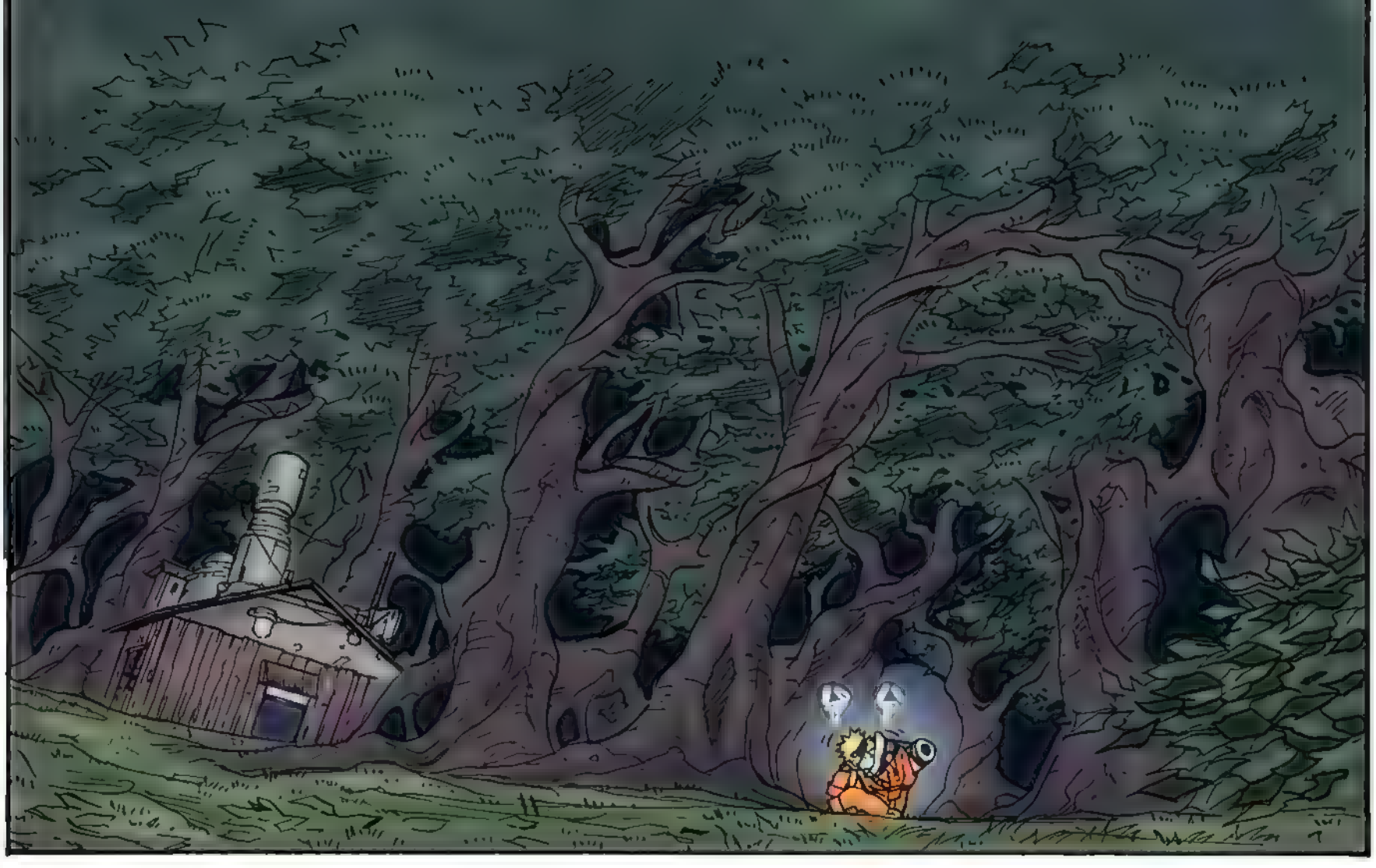

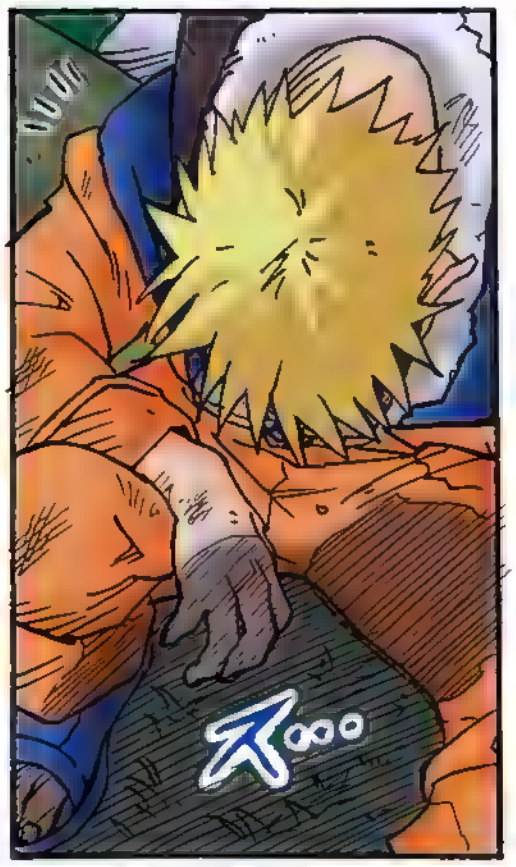

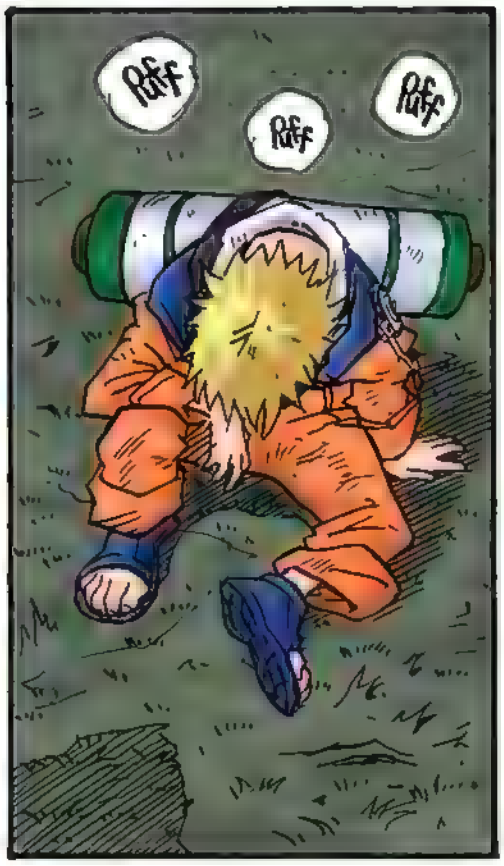

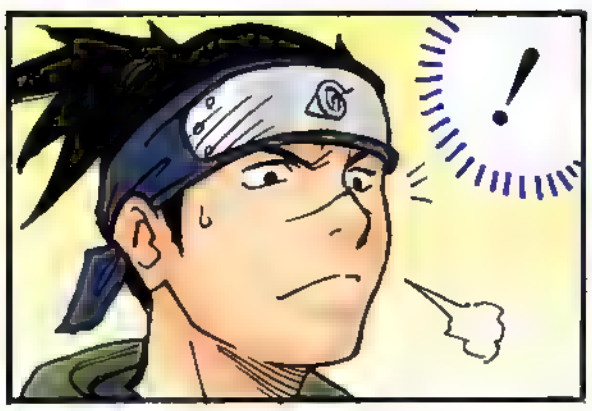

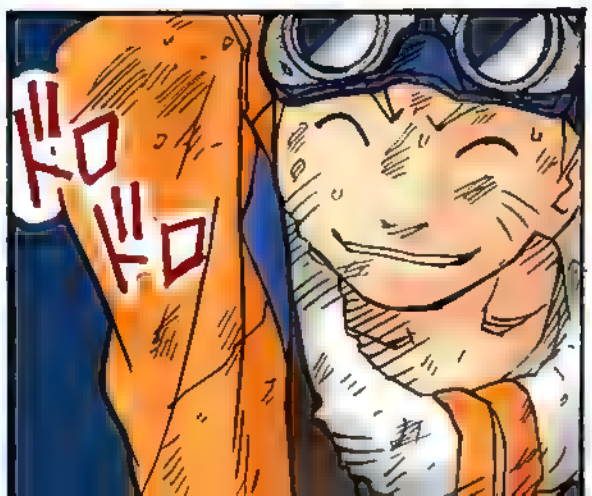

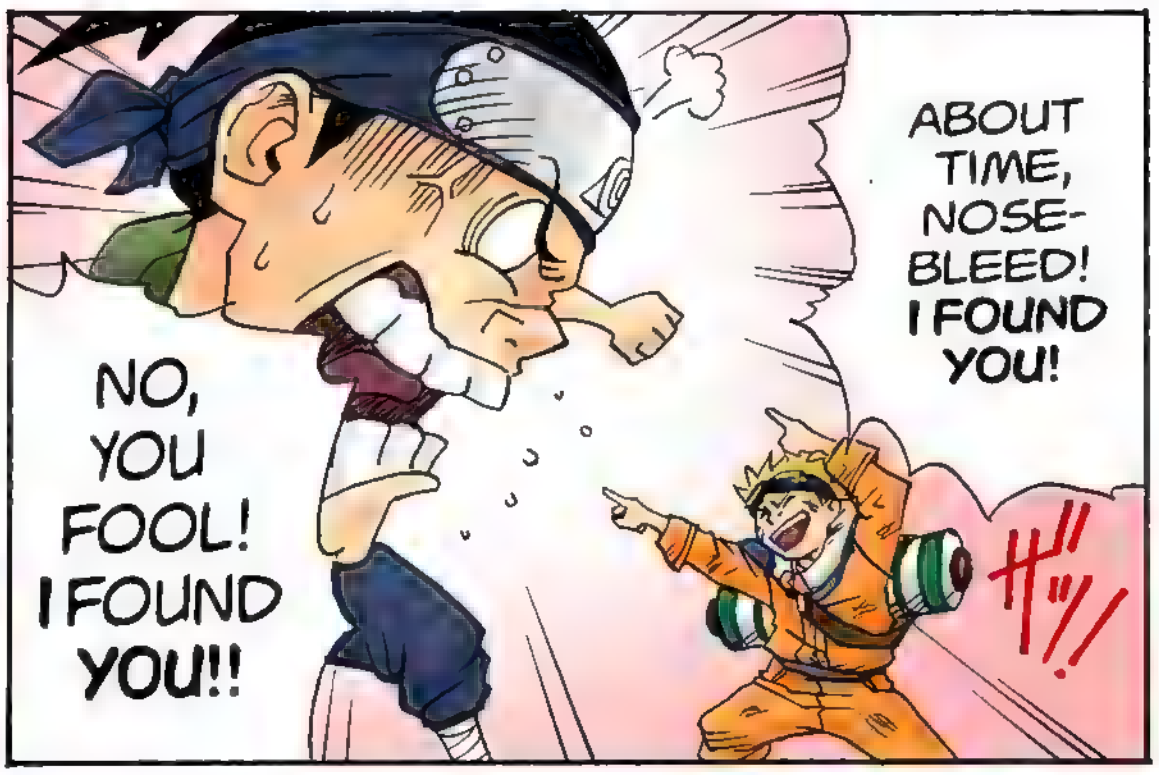

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YOU LOOK EXHAUSTED. WHAT HAVE YOU BEEN DOING?

HEH... I GUESS YOU *HAVE* GOT ME. TOO BAD YOU WERE SO FAST. I'VE ONLY MEMORIZED ONE TECHNIQUE.

SO... YOU CAME HERE TO PRACTICE YOUR NINJUTSU?

...WORKING YOURSELF TO EXHAUSTION...

IF I SHOW I'VE MASTERED THESE TECHNIQUES, YOU'LL HAVE TO LET ME GRADUATE!

WAIT'LL I SHOW YOU. I NEVER DREAMED... SOME OF THE SHINOBI ARTS ARE SO AMAZING!!!

MASTER MIZUKI TOLD ME ABOUT IT.

AND ABOUT THIS PLACE!

WHAT... THIS!?

WHAT'S UP WITH THAT SCROLL YOU'RE CARRYING?

YEAH...?

NARUTO...

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MIZUKI?!

...YOU'D LET ME BECOME A SHINOBI!

HE SAID IF I COULD SHOW YOU I'D LEARNED THE TECHNIQUES IN THIS SCROLL...

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NOW I UNDER-STAND!!

I'M IMPRESSED THAT YOU FIGURED OUT WHERE TO GO.

THE SCROLL, NARUTO. GIVE IT TO ME.

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DON'T LET HIM HAVE IT, NARUTO! PROTECT THAT SCROLL WITH YOUR LIFE!

HEY!

DUDE! I MEAN, COME ON!

WHAT IS THIS?!

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MIZUKI USED YOU BECAUSE HE WANTS IT FOR HIMSELF!!

IT'S MORE DANGEROUS THAN YOU CAN IMAGINE - IT HOLDS THE RECORD OF A COMPLETELY FORBIDDEN NINJA ART!

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I CAN SHOW YOU WHAT IT MEANS!

NARUTO, EVEN IF YOU'VE READ IT, IT WILL STILL BE MEANINGLE

ssh!

YOU... KNOW WHAT *REALLY* HAPPENED IN THE INCIDENT WHERE THE FOX DEMON WAS SEALED UP AGAIN TWELVE YEARS AGO, DON'T YOU...?

SHUT UP, YOU FOOL!

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... THE PEOPLE OF OUR VILLAGE HAVE BEEN BOUND BY THE STRICTEST DECREE.

SINCE THAT INCIDENT...

I DON'T REMEM-BER ANY DECREE..

?

...WHY NOT ME? WHAT LAW ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?

...EXCEPT ME...?!

YOU WOULDN'T. PART OF THAT DECREE WAS THAT EVERYONE WOULD KNOW ABOUT IT... EXCEPT YOU!

WHAT...

WHAT WAS THE DECREE? WHAT?

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THAT NO ONE MUST EVER TELL YOU... THAT WHAT YOU REALLY ARE... IS THE DEMON FOX!

WHAT?

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IN OTHER WORDS, YOU...

...ARE THE NINE-TAILED FOX SPIRIT THAT DESTROYED THE VILLAGE!!

IT WAS YOU WHO MURDERED IRUKA'S FAMILY!!

WHA... WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT!!

STOP!!

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SINCE THEN, YOU'VE BEEN MADE A FOOL OF BY EVERYONE IN TOWN!

STOP IT!!

UNTIL, AT LAST, OUR BELOVED HERO, THE FOURTH LORD HOKAGE, TRAPPED AND BOUND YOU... IN THIS FORM.

IF HE WERE HONEST, EVEN NOBLE IRUKA WOULD ADMIT HE HATES YOU, TOO!!

DIDN'T YOU THINK IT WAS STRANGE? TO BE SO DESPISED, EVERYWHERE YOU WENT?

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NARUTO!

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NO ONE WILL EVER ACCEPT YOU!

GASP!

YOU NEVER KNEW A PARENT'S LOVE...

SINCE THE DAY OF YOUR BIRTH YOU'VE BEEN SHUNNED BY OUR ENTIRE VILLAGE!

AND YOU DIDN'T CARE. YOU WERE WILLING TO ACCEPT ANY CRITICISM, ANY CONDEMNATION SO LONG AS IT MEANT THAT SOMEONE WAS PAYING ATTENTION TO YOU.

THE BEST YOU COULD EVER HOPE FOR WAS ATTENTION, NOT LOVE...

AND YOU COULD ONLY GET THAT BY DOING THINGS THAT WOULD GET YOU INTO TROUBLE!

IT WAS A BRILLIANT PERFORMANCE, NARUTO... BUT IT WAS ALL A SHAM, TO HIDE YOUR LONELINESS... AND PAIN!

THAT SCROLL THAT YOU'VE STOLEN... IT WAS THE INSTRUMENT OF YOUR BONDAGE!!

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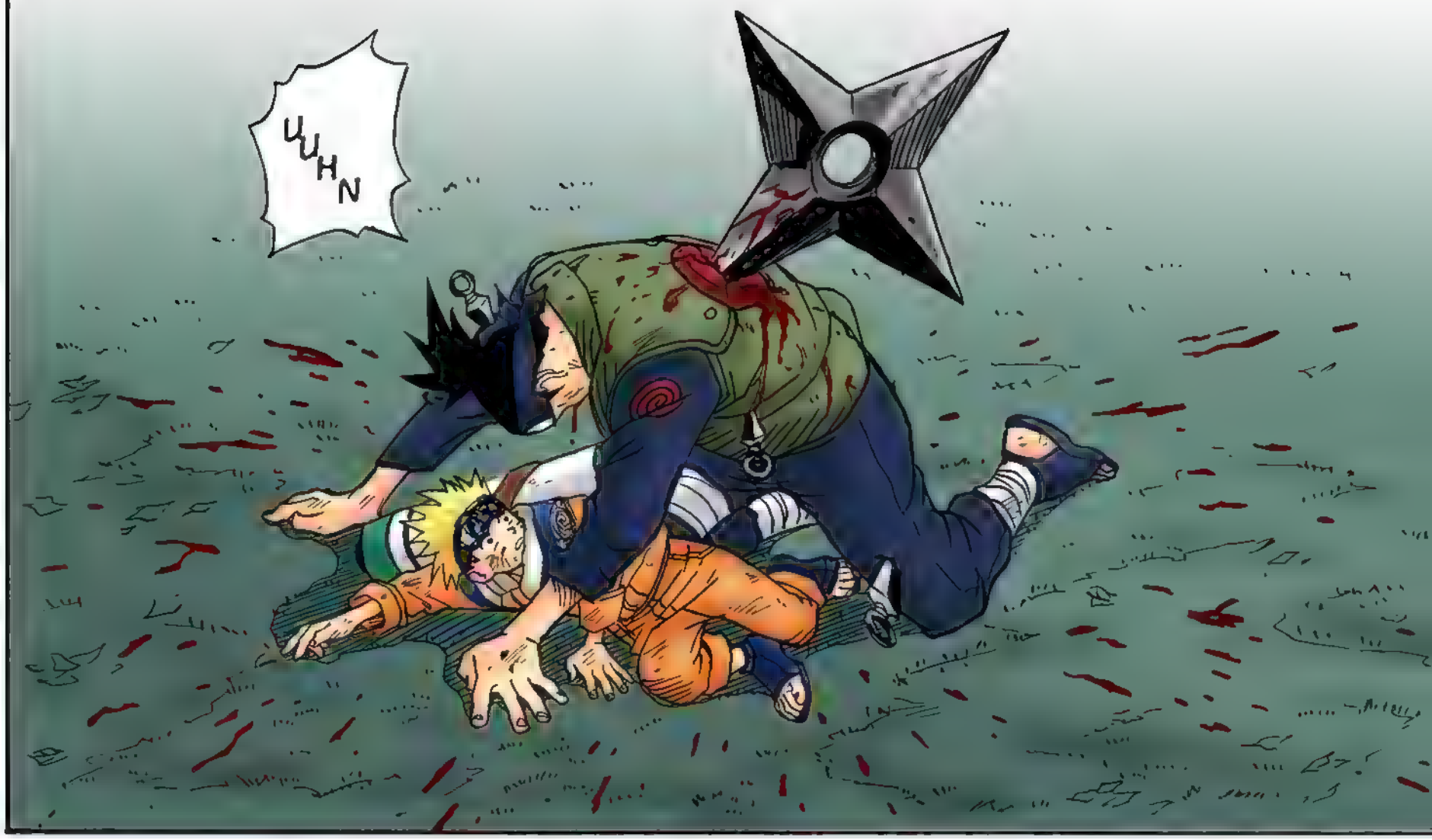

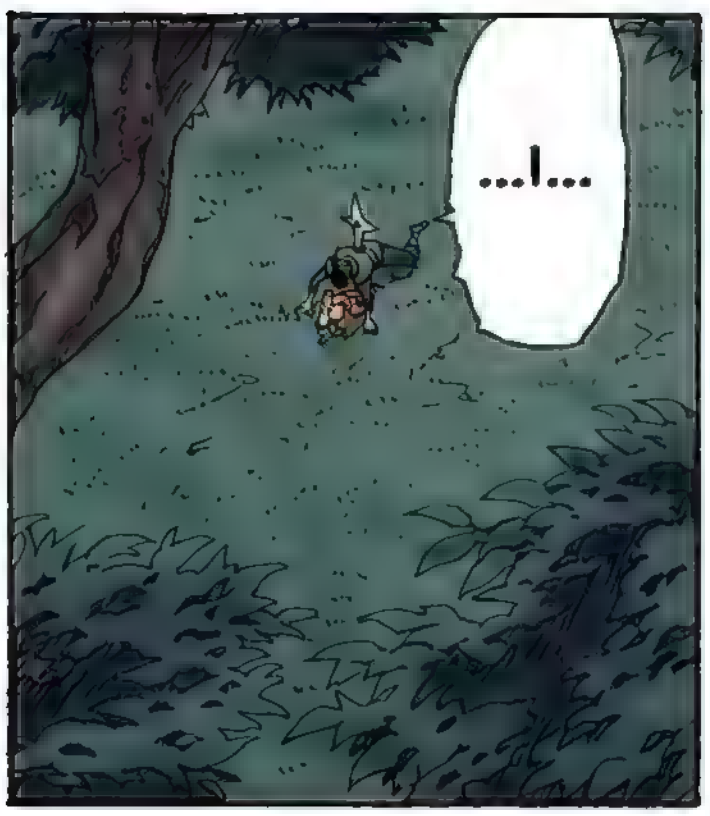

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I BECAME THE CLASS CLOWN...

ANYTHING TO ATTRACT ATTENTION.

WITH MY PARENTS GONE... THERE WAS NO ONE TO PRAISE OR RESPECT ME.

...I WAS SO LONELY...

...WAS STILL BETTER THAN BEING A NOBODY.

BEING THE CLASS CLOWN...

TO BE PROUD OF ME.

I JUST WANTED SOMEONE TO NOTICE HOW GOOD I WAS...

IT... HURT SO MUCH.

I KNOW THAT, NARUTO. I WAS SO HARD ON YOU, YELLING, SCOLDING... IT MUST HAVE HURT...

FORGIVE ME. IF I'D BEEN A BETTER TEACHER.. A BETTER SELF...

MAYBE NEITHER OF US WOULD HAVE COME TO THIS.

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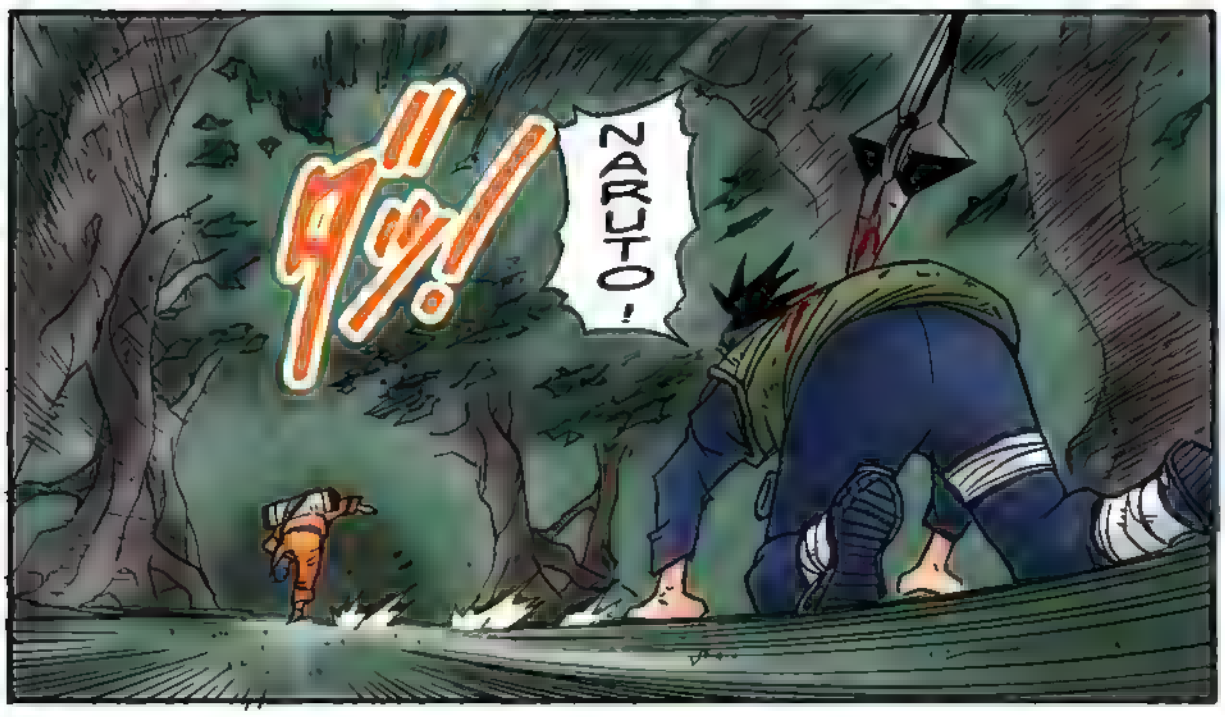
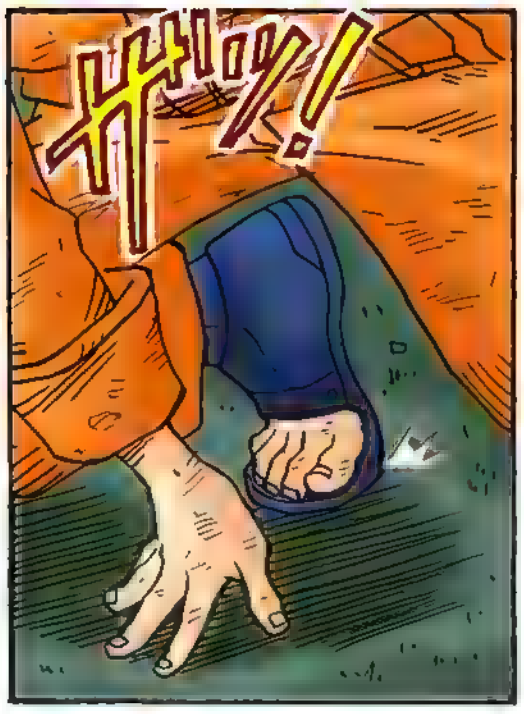
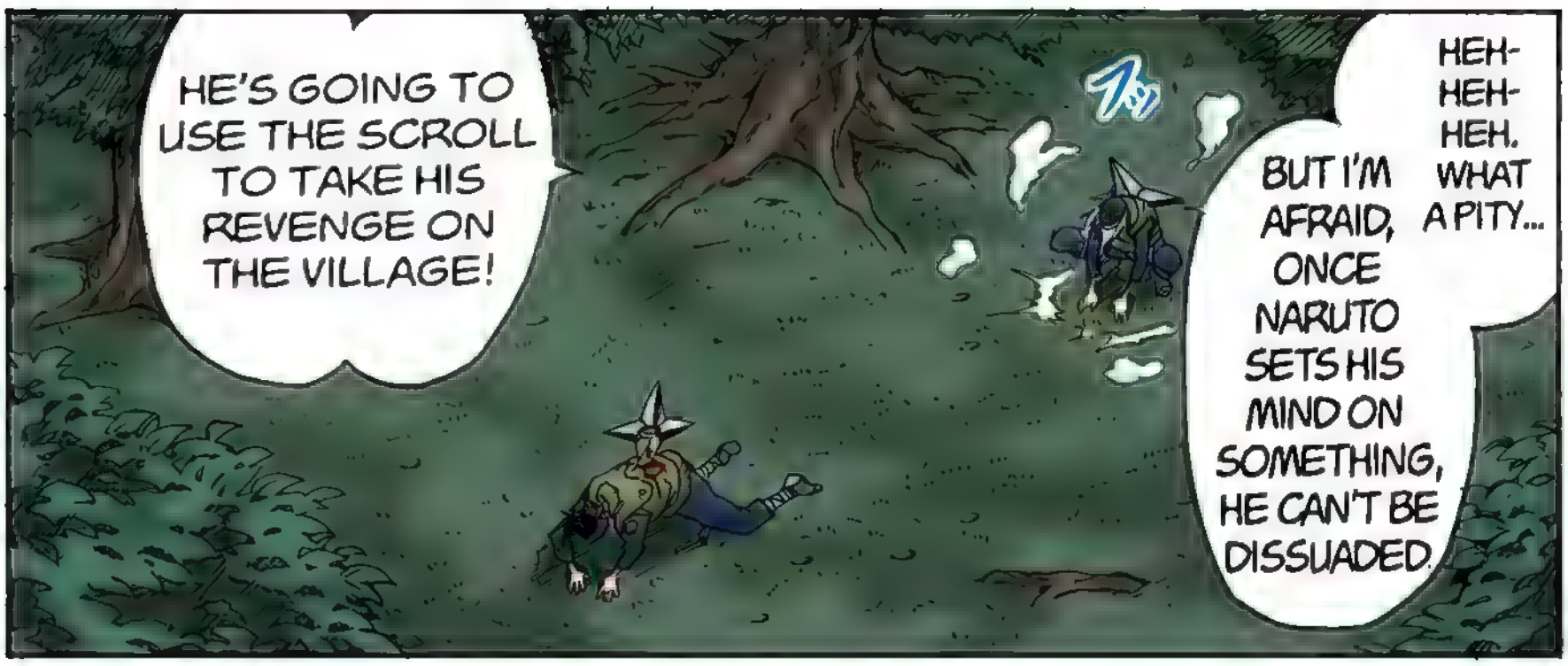
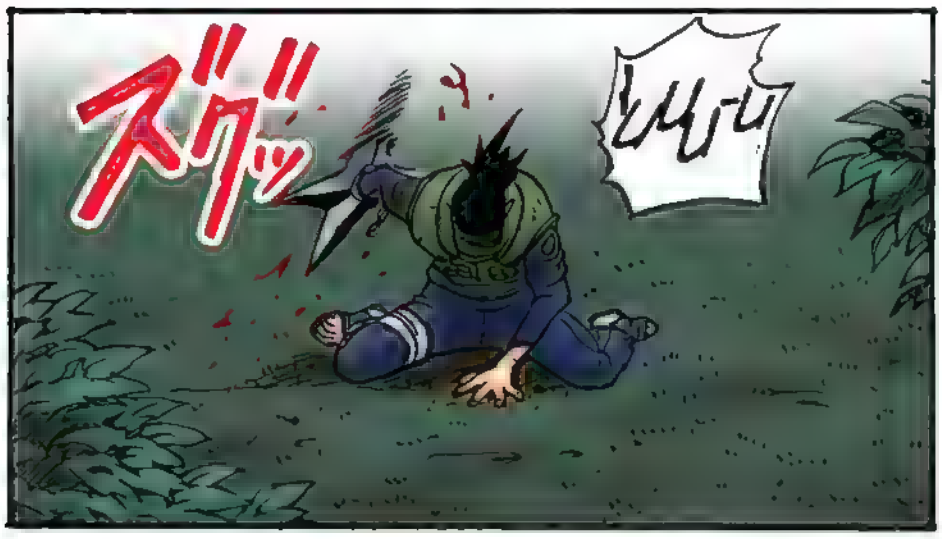
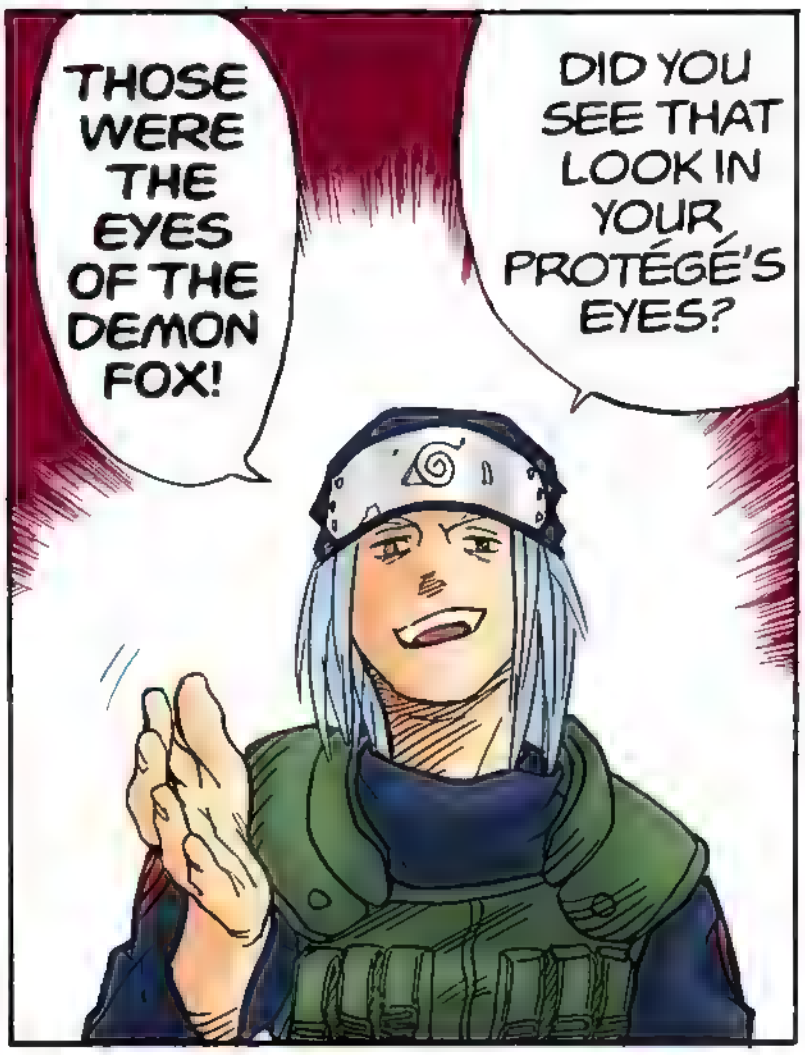





HE'S GOING TO USE THE SCROLL TO TAKE HIS REVENGE ON THE VILLAGE!
BUT I'M AFRAID, ONCE NARUTO SETS HIS MIND ON SOMETHING, HE CAN'T BE DISSUADED.
HEH-HEH-HEH. WHAT A PITY...





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IT'S THE SCROLL I'M AFTER NOW. I'LL FINISH YOU LATER.

I DON'T HAVE TO KNOW THE BOY TO KILL HIM!

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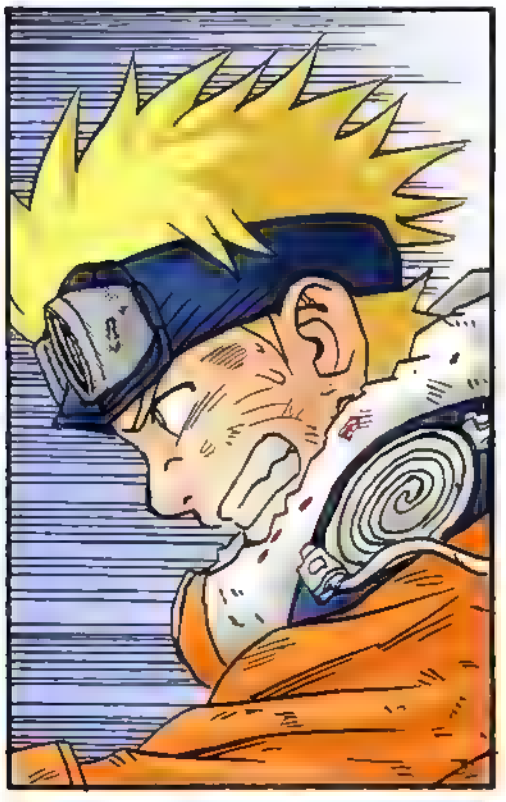

HE SHOULD HAVE BEEN KILLED WHEN WE HAD THE CHANCE!!

YOU CAN TRY.

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DON'T MAKE THE MISTAKE OF THINKING OF HIM AS ONE OF US. WHEN WE FIND HIM, HE HAS TO DIE!!

BUT WE CAN STILL SET THAT RIGHT IF WE ACT NOW, WHILE HE'S STILL A BOY... BEFORE THE DEMON SPIRIT BREAKS FREE!!

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AT LAST, I FOUND IT IN THE CRYSTAL...

..SO THAT ALL OF THAT AWESOME, TERRIBLE POWER HAS BEGUN TO BURST FORTH

...DRIVING NARUTO OVER THE EDGE...

SO, AT THE VERY MOMENT MY TEACHERS FOUND HIM...

MIZUKI SPOKE, REVEALING ALL...

AND TO TOP THAT, IF THE SECRET SCROLL IS IN HIS HANDS...

THERE IS ALWAYS THE POSSIBILITY THAT THE SPIRIT MIGHT ESCAPE...

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ZOOM!!

IT'S HIM !!

IT'S WHAT MIZUKI'S AFTER!!

QUICKLY!! GIVE ME THE SCROLL!!

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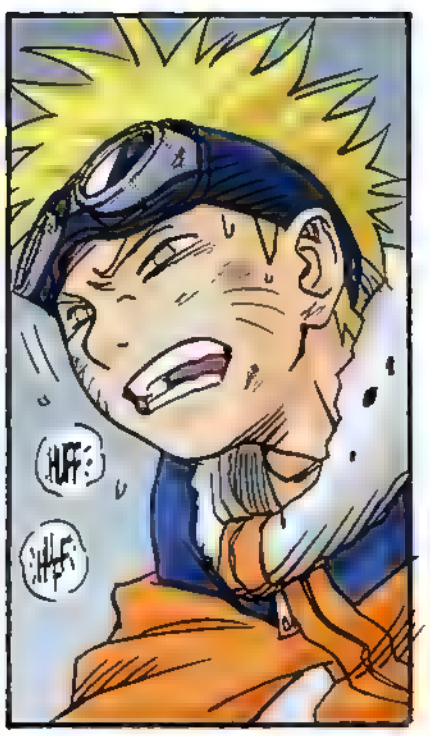

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HOW DID YOU KNOW I WASN'T IRUKA?!

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I SEE...

BECAUSE I AM!

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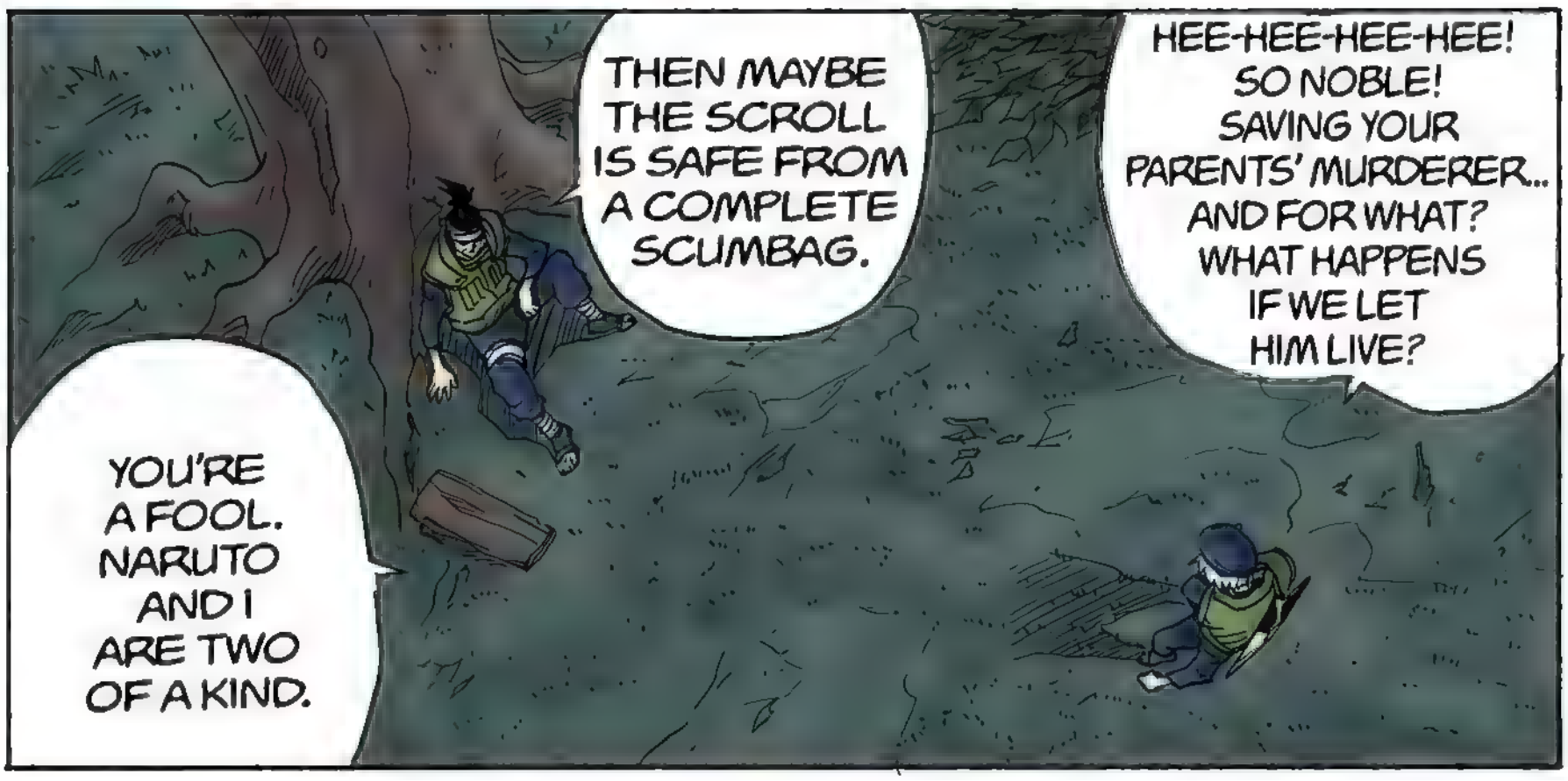
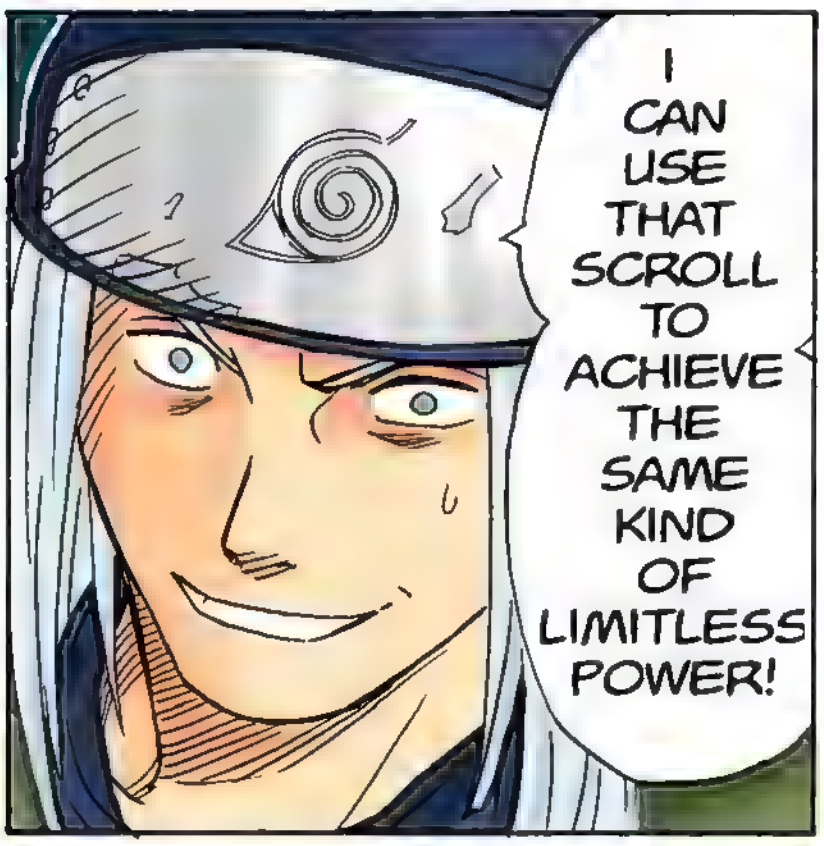
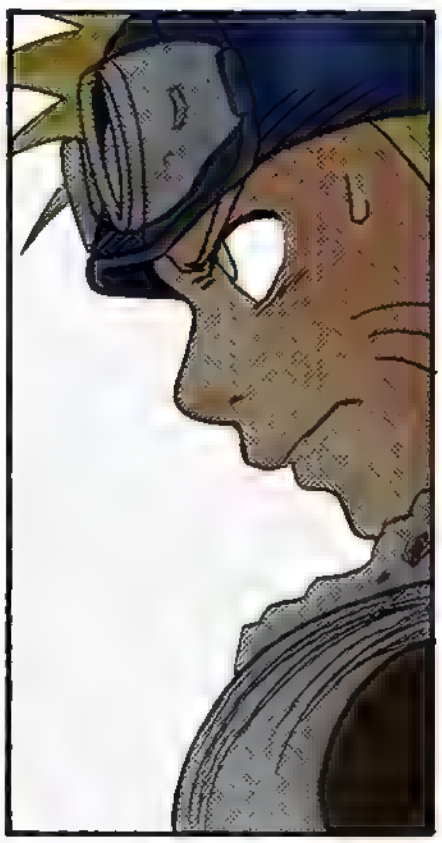

THEN MAYBE THE SCROLL IS SAFE FROM A COMPLETE SCUMBAG.
HEE-HEE-HEE-HEE! SO NOBLE! SAVING YOUR PARENTS' MURDERER... AND FOR WHAT? WHAT HAPPENS IF WE LET HIM LIVE?
YOU'RE A FOOL. NARUTO AND I ARE TWO OF A KIND.





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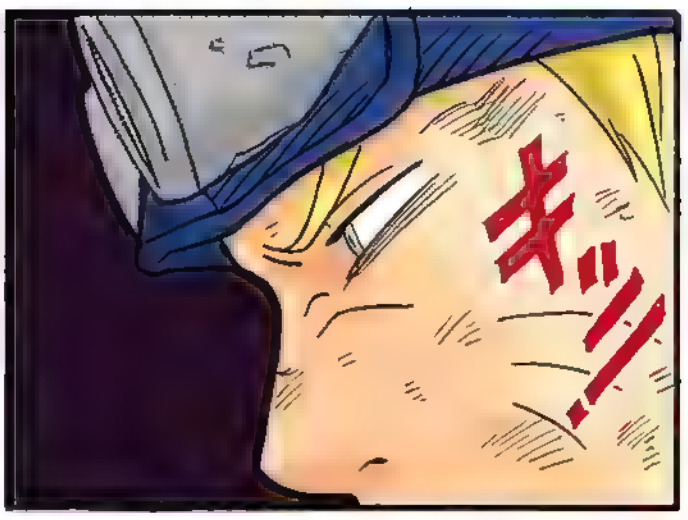

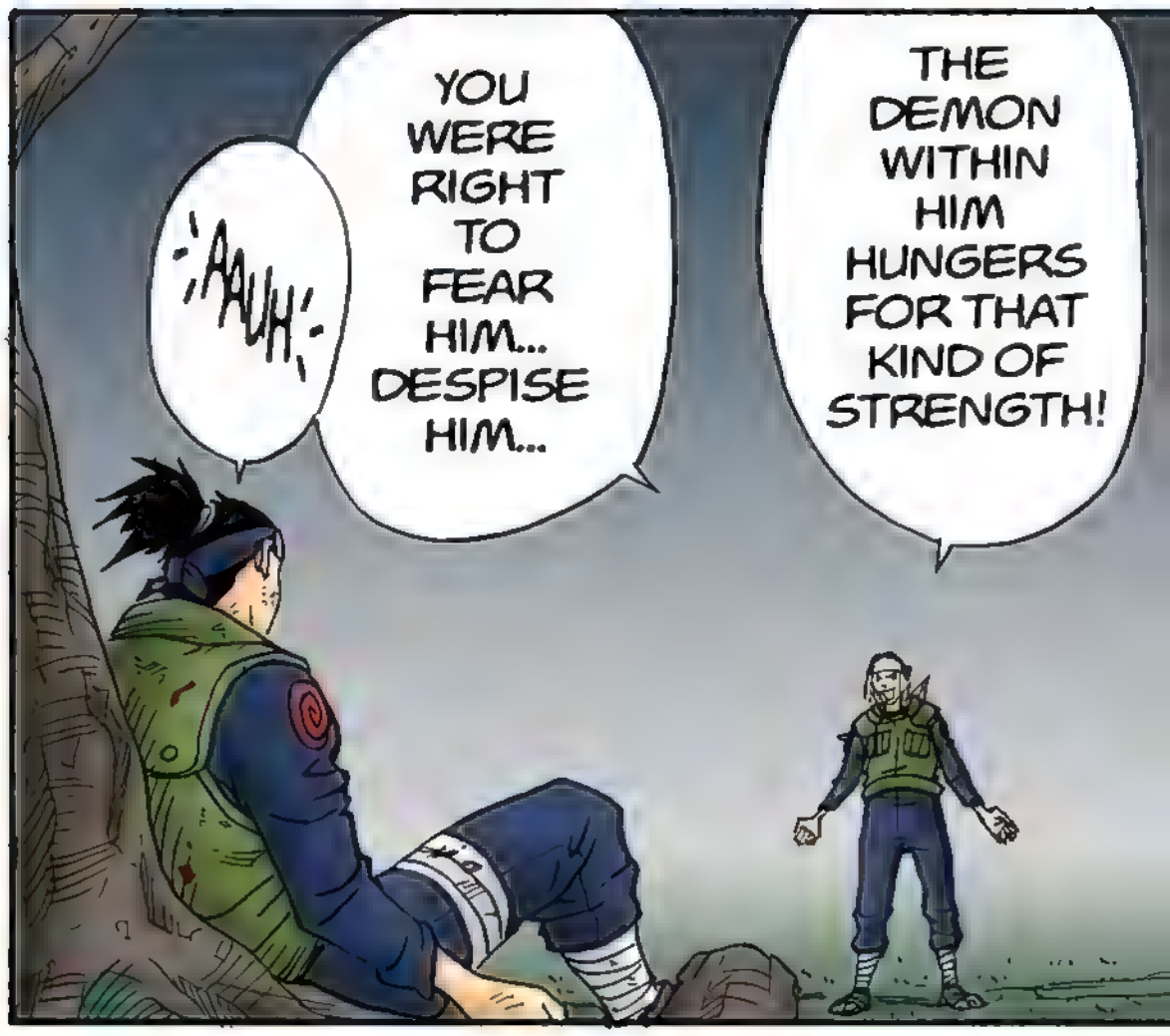

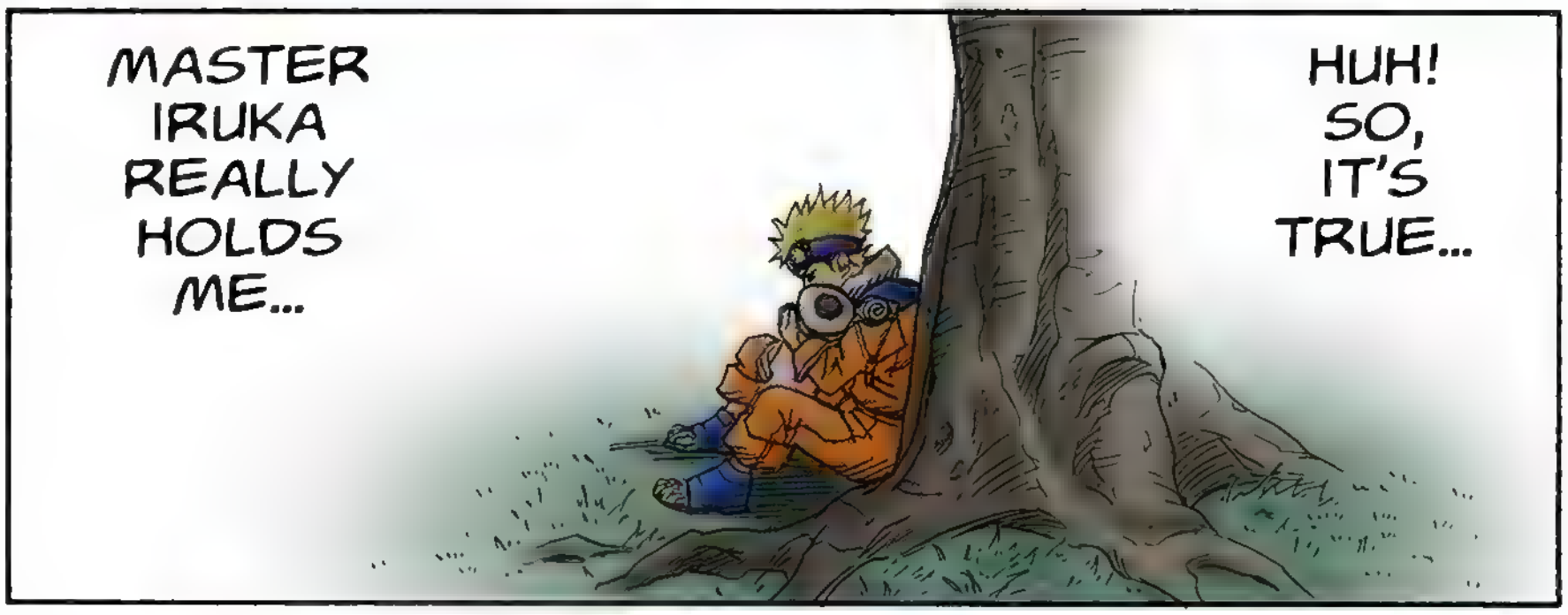

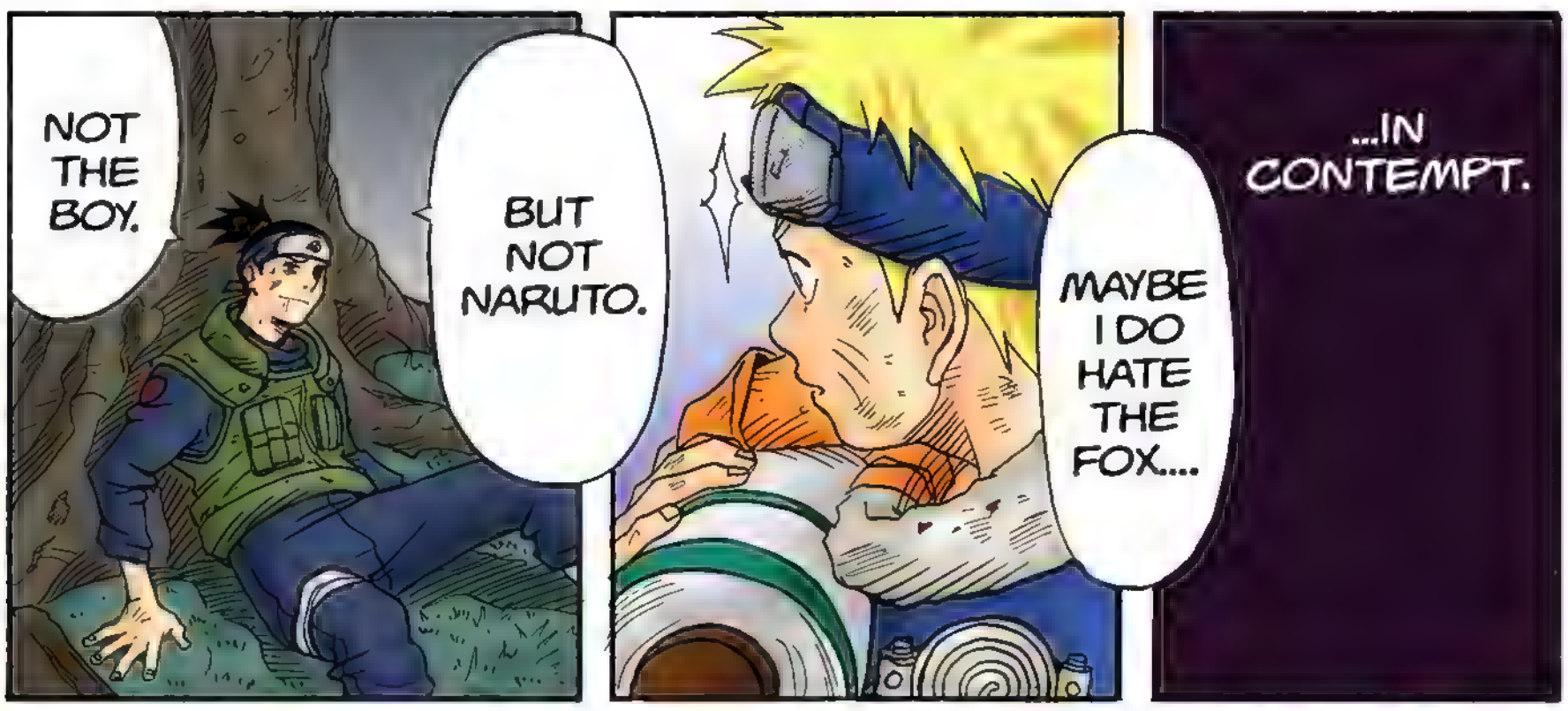

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HE'S AN EXCELLENT STUDENT.

FOR HIM, I HAVE NOTHING BUT RESPECT.

AND IT'S GIVEN HIM EMPATHY. HE KNOWS WHAT IT IS TO BE IN PAIN.

BUT SOMETIMES, EVEN SO, HE'S AWKWARD, CLUMSY... A SCREW-UP... PEOPLE HAVE MOCKED AND SHUNNED HIM...

...HE WORKS WITH ALL HIS MIGHT...

HE IS... A CITIZEN OF KONOHA-GAKURE VILLAGE...

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THAT BOY IS NO LONGER YOUR DEMON FOX!

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...UZUMAKI NARUTO!

SHFF

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AWW! THAT IS SO SWEET! JUST HEARING YOU SAY SO MAKES ME FEE ALL WARM AND FUZZY!

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WELL, IRUKA... I HAD PLANNED TO SAVE YOU FOR LAST... BUT SOMETIMES THINGS JUST DON'T WORK OUT THE WAY YOU PLAN... SO...

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SAY GOODBYE!

SO, THIS IS IT...

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NARUTO…!?

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HE CAN…
HE REALLY…

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GET OUT OF HERE! SAVE YOUR-SELF!!

STUPID KID... SHOULD HAVE STAYED... AWAY!!

LOUDMOUTH BRAT!! I CAN KILL YOU WITH ONE BLOW!!

...OR I'LL KILL YOU!

KEEP AWAY FROM MASTER IRUKA...

BRING IT ON, YOU JERK! ANYTHING YOU THROW AT ME I'LL GIVE BACK TIMES A THOUSAND!

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YOU'RE WELCOME TO TRY, LITTLE FOX!

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SHADOW DOPPEL-GANGER!!
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YOU'RE GOING TO KILL ME WITH ONE PUNCH, RIGHT? COME ON!

WHAT'S THE MATTER, TOUGH GUY? COME AND GET ME!

WHAT...?

HOW DID HE...?

I'LL JUST HAVE TO ATTACK YOU!

WELL, THEN ...

NARUTO... YOU.....

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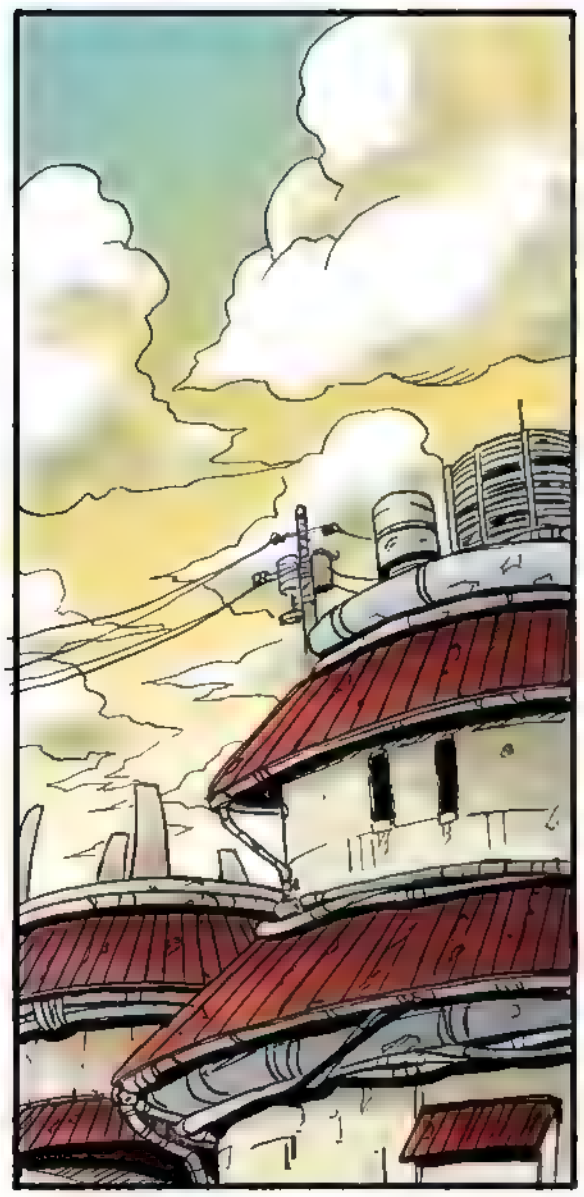
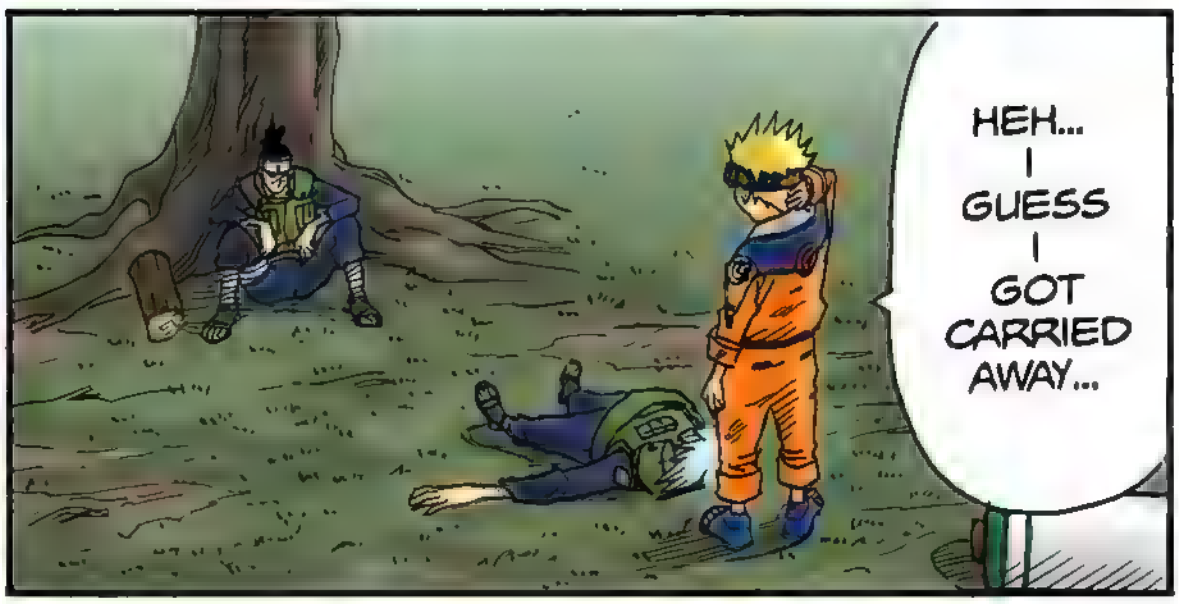
I WOULDN'T BE SURPRISED IF SOME DAY HE REALLY DOES TURN OUT TO BE BETTER THAN ANY HOKAGE WHO'S COME BEFORE!

BUT MADE THEM SOLID, FLESH-AND-BLOOD INSTEAD OF SHADOWY ILLUSION. THAT'S THE HIGHEST CALIBER NINJUTSU...

AMAZING! HE NOT ONLY GENERATED A THOUSAND DOPPEL-GANGERS...





HEH... I GUESS I GOT CARRIED AWAY...

I'VE GOT A PRESENT FOR YOU.

NARUTO, COME HERE.

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WE HAVE NOTHING TO FEAR.

HE COULD BE MILES AWAY BY NOW!

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THIS IS AWFUL! WHAT ARE WE GOING TO DO...?!

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NOT YET!

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DID YOU GUYS FIND NARUTO!?

HE WON'T BE GONE LONG.

LORD HOKAGE..

!?

NOW, SENSEI.. MAY I...?

YES, NARUTO. YOU CAN OPEN YOUR EYES.

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...GRADUATE!

CONGRAT-ULATIONS...

TO CELEBRATE THIS, I'LL TAKE YOU OUT. WE CAN GO FOR RAMEN!

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BUT, I GUESS... IT CAN WAIT... UNTIL WE GET TO... THE RESTAURANT.

NOW THAT YOU'RE A FULL-FLEDGED SHINOBI, THINGS WILL ONLY GET MORE DIFFICULT... PR, AT LEAST, THAT'S THE SPEECH I PLANNED TO GIVE...

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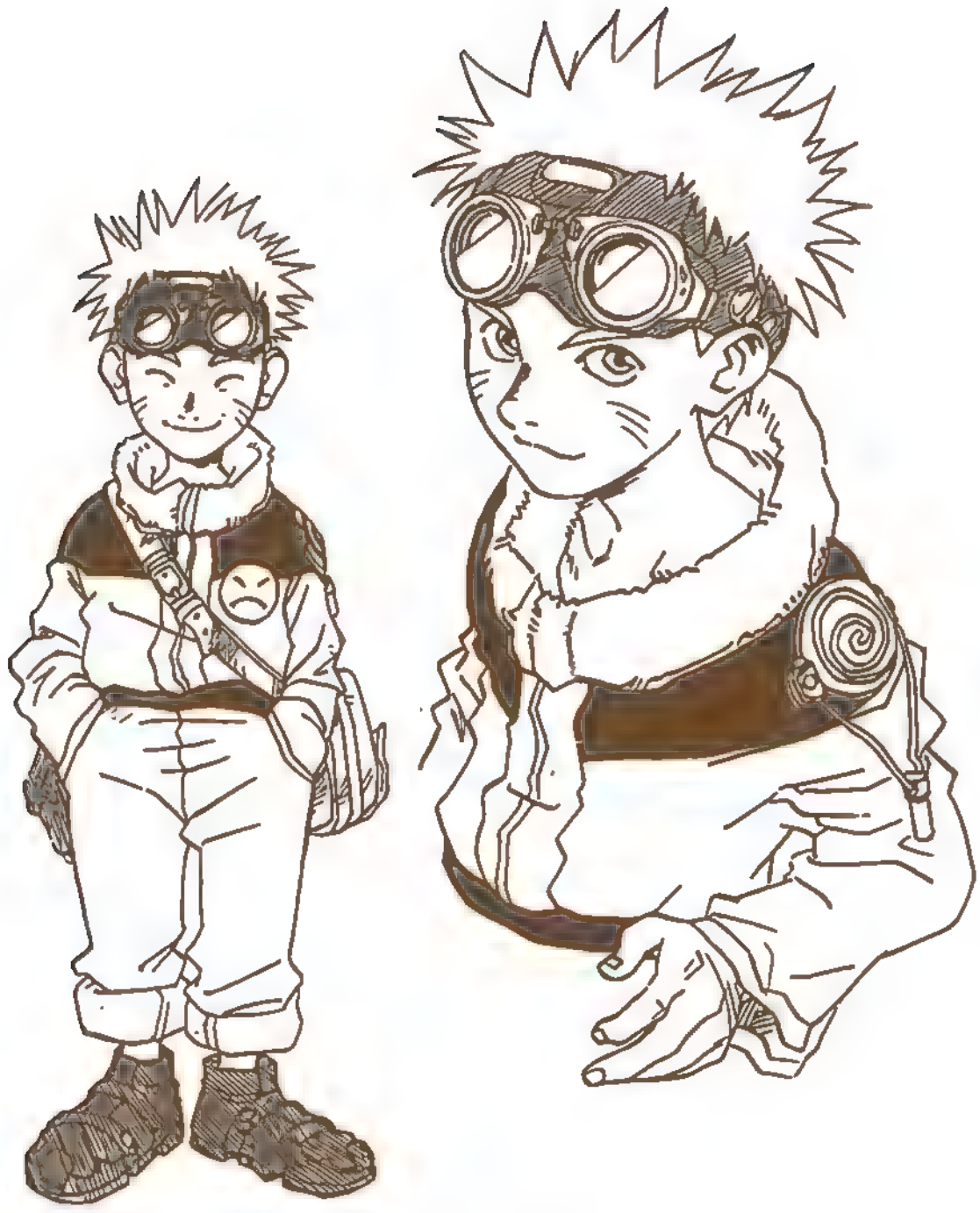

This is the very first sketch of Naruto that I drew. It was for a one-shot story in the Japanese ***Weekly Shonen Jump***'s special seasonal edition, ***Akamaru Jump***. Notice that he wears boots instead of *zori* (traditional Japanese sandals).

In the one-shot story, ***Naruto*** wasn't a ninja comic at all, but just about magic and sorcery. Even though the setup was completely different from the current storyline, it was the very first character-driven manga that I ever drew, and I liked the character so I decided to keep using him. But drawing the goggles each time was a pain! That's why I came up with the idea for the ninja *hitai-ate* (headband).

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KONOHAGAKURE VILLAGE- "THE VILLAGE HIDDEN IN THE LEAVES"...

...WHERE TODAY, ONE YOUNG MAN BEGINS HIS QUEST TO BECOME A FULL-FLEDGED NINJA.

KONOHAMARU!!

2: 木ノ葉丸!!

KLIK WHRRRR

JEEZ...

YEAH! GO FOR IT!

YOU... WANT ME TO TAKE THE PICTURE WITH YOU LOOKING LIKE THAT?

OKAY, NOW SAY, "CHEESE!"

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YOU'LL BE SORRY.

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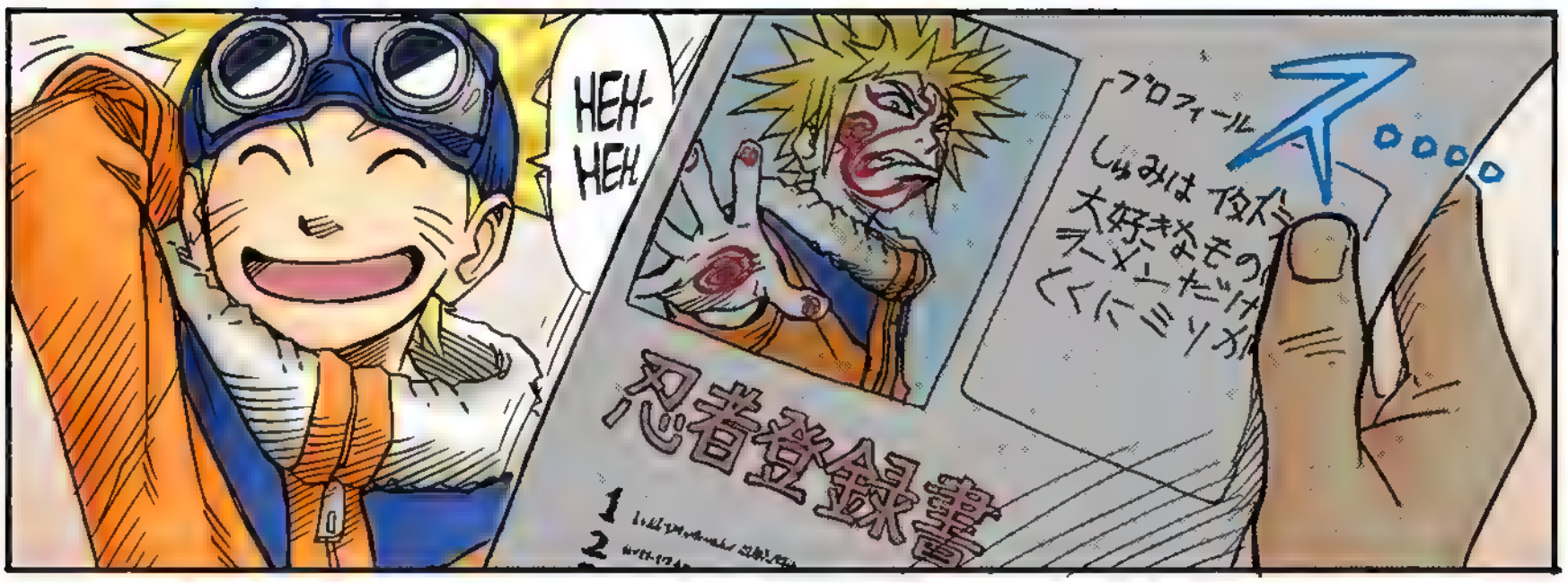

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IT TOOK ME THREE HOURS TO GET THAT SHOT!

WHADDAYA THINK? IT WAS HARD GETTING JUST THE RIGHT EXPRESSION

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DO IT OVER!

...BUT WITH MY ARTISTIC VISION~!

AFTER ALL, IT'S NOT LIKE SOMETHING ORDINARY WOULD DO....

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...IN ANY CASE, THE SECRET DOSSIERS IN THIS YEARBOOK ARE AN ESSENTIAL INTELLIGENCE RESOURCE FOR KONOHAGAKURE VILLAGE. SO, TO PRESENT YOURSELF WITH SUCH A FACE...

BUT I DON'T KNOW ABOUT ALL THAT STUFF!

WHAT CONCERNS ME MORE IS WHY YOU CHOSE NOT TO WEAR YOUR HITAI-ATE— THE HEADBAND THAT MARKS YOU AS AN ADULT SHINOBI OF OUR VILLAGE...

I DIDN'T WANT TO DAMAGE IT. I'LL START WEARING IT AFTER THE CEREMONY TOMORROW.

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ON GUARD, OL' MAN! RIGHT?!

IF IT'S NOT ONE THING, IT'S ANOTHER...

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AHA!

SMEK

OWWW----!!!!

WHAT'S HE GOT INTO THIS TIME?

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AND, FOR THE RECORD, THERE ARE NO TRAPS HERE!!

A...ARE YOU ALL RIGHT, HONORED GRAND-SON?!

MASTER EBISU
TUTOR TO KONOHAMARU

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I GET IT! IT'S A TRAP?

RIGHT ?!!?

KONOHAMARU

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THE SO-CALLED HUMAN FORM OF THE NINE-TAILED DEMON FOX!

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…OUR VILLAGE DISGRACE...

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YOU?! DON'T TELL ME IT'S...

KID?

WHAT'S GOING ON? WHO'S THE KID?

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UNHAND HIM, NARUTO! THAT BOY HAPPENS TO BE THE GRANDSON OF OUR REVERED LORD, THE THIRD HOGAKE!

YOU FELL OVER YOUR OWN FEET!!

AHA, SO **YOU** TRIPPED ME! IT WAS YOU! RIGHT?!!!

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OWWW----!!

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LIKE I CARE, STUPID!

THEY ALWAYS DO THIS ONCE THEY KNOW I'M THE HOKAGE'S GRAND-SON...

SO? TAKE YOUR BEST SHOT! I DARE YOU!

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TOO AFRAID OF ME? JUST LIKE MASTER FOUR EYES THERE, AND EVERYONE ELSE IN TOWN :..HAH!

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WHA---T!!!!!

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I CAN SEE YOU RIGHT THERE!

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QUIT FOLLOWING ME, STUPID.

HUNH?

TEACH ME YOUR SKILLS. I'LL BECOME YOUR DISCIPLE.

YEAH!

SO, YOU MANAGED TO PENETRATE MY DISGUISE!! RIGHT?!!! THE RUMORS OF YOUR PROWESS DON'T LIE!

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OKAY, CHIEF?!

CH-CHIEF--?!

YOU'VE GOTTA TEACH ME THAT *NINJA CENTERFOLD* ILLUSION YOU USED ON MY GRANDPA.

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THESE CEASELESS ATTEMPTS AT SUPRISE ATTACKS ARE A PERSE-CUTION TO US ALL...

NARUTO? THAT'S AWFUL!

SIGH... THAT CHILD IS BEING RUINED BY OVER-INDULGENCE...

IT WOULD APPEAR THAT HE FOLLOWED NARUTO.

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BLAST IT! WHERE IS HE THIS TIME...?

NO ----- !!!!!

NARUTO WILL UNDOUBT-EDLY DRAG HIM INTO SOME HARE-BRAINED SCHEME...

BUT, THIS TIME KONOHA-MARU MAY HAVE BITTEN OFF MORE THAN HE CAN CHEW.

OKAY, CHIEF!!!

READY... STEADY... GO---!!!!

BEHOLD!!!!

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I WILL CRUSH ANY INSECT THAT DARES CLING TO MY STUDENT!

I AM PART OF THE ELITE, ONE IN A LONG AND 高な ILLUSTRIOUS LINE OF ん TUTORS WHO HAVE PREPARED COUNTLESS CANDIDATES FOR A POSSIBLE FUTURE AS NEXT LORD HOKAGE.

YES SIR!

TOTALLY WRONG!! TALLER! THINNER!

お一 THAT IS 孫 THE SHORTEST PATH, HONORED GRANDSON! のですぞ!!

SHHHAA

THERE!!!

UNDER MY TUTELAGE, YOUR FUTURE AS LORD 人 HOKAGE IS ASSURED. 語れば 語るなど

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WHAT'S YOUR BEEF WITH THE OLD MAN?

BY THE WAY....

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...MY NAME— KONOHAMARU... MY GRANDFATHER NAMED ME.

LIKE THE VILLAGE, RIGHT? HE SAID IT WOULD BRING ME LUCK...

IT'S ALWAYS JUST "HONORED GRANDSON."

NO ONE EVER SEES ME FOR WHO I AM...

NO ONE EVER CALLS ME THAT!

BUT EVEN THOUGH EVERYONE IN THE VILLAGE KNOWS THAT THAT'S WHAT I AM CALLED...

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BUT IT'LL BE DIFFERENT WHEN I BECOME LORD HOKAGE, AND THAT'S GONNA BE REAL SOON!!

JUST WHO I'M RELATED TO.

AND I HATE IT!

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WHAT!?

IT'S TOO BIG A NAME FOR SUCH A LITTLE GUY!

HUNH?

NO WAY! WHO'D RESPECT A HOKAGE LIKE YOU?

WELL ? WHAT ?!

IF YOU WANT TO BECOME HOKAGE THAT BADLY ...

YOU DON'T GET IT JUST BECAUSE YOU WANT IT!

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YOU IDIOT! IT WON'T BE EASY TO WIN THE HOKAGE NAME!.....

YOU'LL HAVE TO GET PAST ME FIRST!

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DID NARUTO SUBMIT HIS NINJA REGISTRATION?

YES.

HELLO, IRUKA.

KYA!

LORD HOKAGE! I'VE BEEN LOOKING ALL OVER FOR YOU.

FLAP

YESTERDAY I TREATED HIM TO A STERN LECTURE OVER A BOWL OF RAMEN. HE'S BEEN ON CLOUD NINE SINCE HE PASSED THE TEST. HE INTENDS TO BECOME A FULL-FLEDGED SHINOBI AND EARN THE RESPECT OF EVERYONE IN TOWN.

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WHAT?

THAT MAY BE A DIFFICULT DREAM FOR HIM TO REALIZE.

DISCLOSURE OF THAT SECRET IS MOST STRICTLY FORBIDDEN...

...UNDER PAIN OF THE SEVEREST PENALTY OUR LAW CAN INFLICT.

ONLY WE WHO WERE ADULTS AT THE TIME OF THE GREAT BATTLE KNOW THE TRUTH... THAT THE BOY NARUTO IS THE HUMAN FORM OF THE NINE-TAILED FOX SPIRIT THAT TORMENTED OUR PEOPLE UNTIL ITS DEFEAT A DOZEN YEARS AGO.

A HERO?

...IT WAS THE FONDEST WISH OF THE FOURTH LORD HOKAGE THAT OUR PEOPLE COME TO REGARD NARUTO AS THEIR SAVIOR AND HERO. HE MADE THAT WISH FOR HIM, SEALED THE CHILD'S FATE... AND DIED.

AS A RESULT, THE CHILDREN OF OUR VILLAGE KNOW NOTHING OF THE TRUTH!

AMONG HIS PEERS, AT LEAST, NARUTO'S SECRET IS SECURE.

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NARUTO WAS SACRIFICED, FOR THE SAFETY OF US ALL, TO BECOME A LIVING VESSEL FOR THE IMPRISONMENT OF THE FOX.

HE SELECTED A NEWBORN CHILD, THE UMBILICAL CORD FRESHLY CUT, AND BOUND UP ALL NINE TAILS OF THE FOX WITHIN THE INFANT'S NAVEL.

--IT HAS BEEN PICKED UP ON BY CHILDREN WHO HAVE NO IDEA OF THE TRUTH... PICKED UP ON AND PERPETUATED!

INSTEAD, THEIR TREATMENT OF THE BOY IS SO CONTEMP-TUOUS AND HOSTILE--

BUT THAT IS NOT THE WAY THE ADULTS WHO KNOW CHOSE TO SEE IT..

...THE RIGHT TO EXIST..

HOW IT MUST FEEL... SO MUCH HATRED AND HOSTILITY... TO BE TREATED WITH AN ANIMOSITY SO INTENSE AS TO BE ANNIHILATING... TO HAVE AROUND YOU MANY WHO WOULD DENY YOU EVEN...

IRUKA... CAN YOU IMAGINE..?

IMAGINE WHAT?

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EH--?!

THERE YOU ARE!

THERE'S ALWAYS SOMEONE!

THAT LOOK! THAT SAME UGLY LOOK, FROM YET ANOTHER PERSON!

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DAMNED FOX... NARUTO!

FEH...

BEHOLD!

YOU HEARD HIM, LOSER!

THE REVERED LORD HOKAGE KNOW AND UNDERSTANDS THE EIGHT PRINCIPLES THAT ARE THE CORNERSTONE OF ALL THE KNOWLEDGE OF THE SHINOBI: VIRTUE, JUSTICE, CEREMONY, WISDOM, LOYALTY FAITHFULNESS, PRUDENCE, AND FILIAL PIETY!

HE IS MASTER OF OVER ONE THOUSAND ILLUSIONS AND... EH?!

TAK TAK

NO WAY!! NOT YET! FIRST I HAVE TO KICK THE OLD MAN'S BUTT AND BECOME THE NEXT LORD HOKAGE. SO GET LOST.

HOP

AND NOW, HONORED GRANDSON, IT'S TIME TO RETURN HOME.

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WHY DIDN'T IT WORK~?!

WHAT A VULGAR DISPLAY!!!

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WHA... WHA...!

AND I WILL NOT FALL FOR IT!

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NOT FIT FOR A GENTLEMAN'S EYES!

TAKE THAT! NINJA CENTER-FOLD!

ART OF THE DOPPEL-GANGER!!!!

ONLY BY FOLLOWING MY TEACHINGS WILL YOU EVER MERIT THE NAME OF HOKAGE! NOW, LET'S GO HOME.

LET GO!

HONORED GRANDSON!. IF YOU LOWER YOURSELF TO CONSORT WITH CREATURES OF THIS SORT YOU WILL DESCEND TO HIS LEVEL!

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IT WOULD ONLY FOOL A WEAK-MINDED IDIOT LIKE MIZUKI!

HAH! CHILD'S PLAY! NO MATCH FOR A SUPERIOR TEACHER LIKE MYSELF!

THAT IS TOTALLY COOL!!!! RIGHT?!!

WHOA!!

HUNH?

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BEHOLD!!

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EEP!
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THE NINJA HAREM !!!!!

I CALL THIS ONE...

BLAST IT! I FAILED TO BEAT PROFESSOR FOUR-EYES - AGAIN! RIGHT?!!!

ONCE AGAIN, HIS FIRST RESORT IS TO THE MOST LOWBROW TRASH!... EVEN I WOULD HAVE SUCCUMED PROBABLY...

HE COMBINED THE ART OF THE DOPPELGANGER WITH HIS INFAMOUS NINJA CENTER-FOLD...?

YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT TAKING THE NAME HOKAGE! THAT'S THE GREATEST SHINOBI IN TOWN, THE ONE EVERYONE RESPECTS!

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YOU THINK WANTING IT IS ALL IT TAKES? DREAM ON!

AAUGH!

ALL I WANT IS A NAME THAT EVERYONE WILL RESPECT! AND I WANT IT RIGHT NOW! RIGHT?!!!?

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ONLY ONE PERSON TREATS ME WITH ANY KIND OF RESPECT.

AND EVEN HE...

I EVEN DOUBTED MYSELF!

MY WHOLE LIFE, IT'S BEEN ONE ROTTEN THING AFTER ANOTHER!

ARE YOU READY TO MAKE A COMMITMENT?

SHIT

.....COMMIT-MENT...?

...WAS ALMOST IMPOSSIBLE TO WIN OVER!!

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...FOR THE HONORED HOKAGE NAME!

EVERYBODY, AND I DO MEAN EVERY BODY, HAS THE HIGHEST RESPECT...

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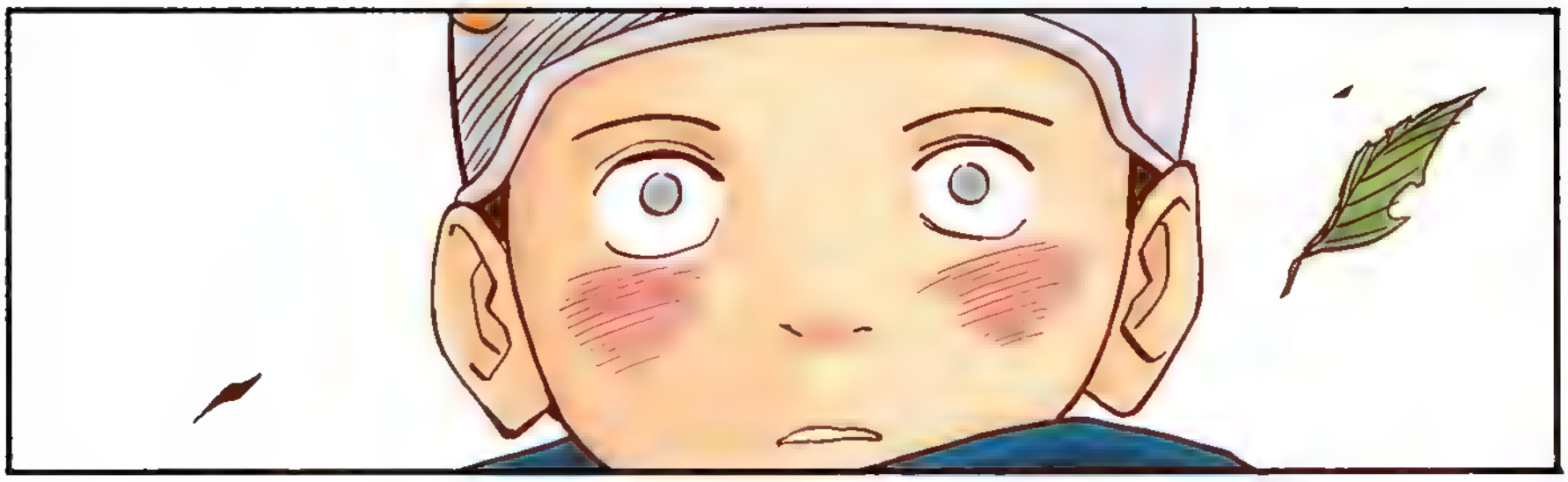
THERE ARE NO SHORT CUTS!!

DO YOU GET IT?



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I'M NOT GONNA BE YOUR DISCIPLE ANY MORE!

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WHERE DO YOU GET OFF, LECTURING ME? YOU'RE NOT SO HOT! RIGHT?!!

HAH!

YOU'LL HAVE TO GET PAST ME FIRST!

IF YOU WANT TO BECOME HOKAGE THAT BADLY ...

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WE WILL BE ARCH-RIVALS!

FROM THIS DAY FOR-WARD.....

...KONOHAMARU!!

YOU BETTER LOOK FORWARD TO THAT DAY...

BUT...HECK! ONE DAY WE'LL FIGHT OVER THE NAME HOKAGE.

IT'S YOUR TOUGH LUCK! FROM NOW ON, I'LL ALWAYS BE ONE STEP AHEAD OF YOU, ONE STEP CLOSER TO MY DESTINY AS THE FINEST SHINOBI!

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...HE SAW THE DREAM, AND THE CHALLENGES, THAT LAY AHEAD FOR THE YOUNG NARUTO...

THEY HAD A LONG WAY TO GO TO BECOME TRUE SHINOBI. BUT AS LORD HOKAGE WATCHED OVER THEM AND SMILED...

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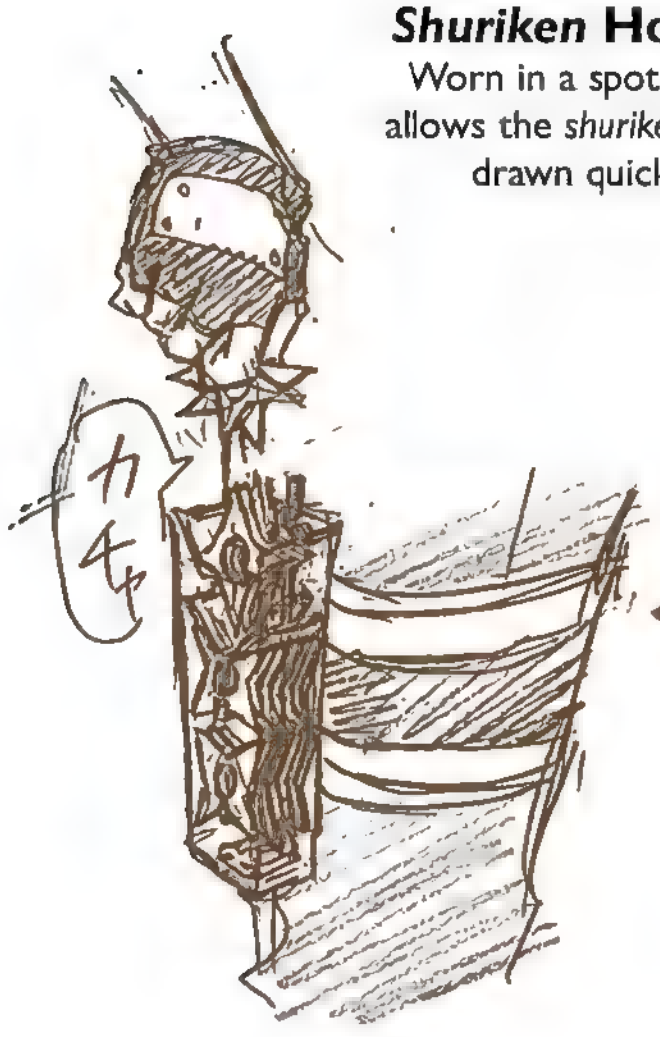
Konohagakure Basics:

SHINOBI STYLE

Hitai-ate (Forehead Band)
Can be worn either as a headband, or a cover for the entire head.

Makimono Pouch (Scroll Pouch)
The classic Konohagakure pouch, worn on both the right and left sides of the vest. Scrolls, medicine and ninja tools are extracted from the bottom of the pouches.

Shuriken Holster
Worn in a spot which allows the *shuriken* to be drawn quickly.



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HA...

EXCUSE ME, MAY I PASS?

CLASS TODAY IS ONLY FOR THE STUDENTS WHO DIDN'T FAIL!

WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?

NARUTO!

WHAT?! CAN'T YOU SEE THE HEADBAND?!

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SA... SAKURA!!

ドキ ドキ

SHE WANTS TO SIT NEXT TO ME?

NO WAY...

しゃなろー!!

NARUTO, MOVE IT! I'M TRYING TO GET AROUND YOU!

OH...

HARUNO SAKURA. A TOTAL BABE, BUT THAT'S THE PROBLEM...

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THERE HE IS... THE CLASS HEART-THROB!

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HA!!

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UCHIHA SASUKE! THINKS HE'S SO COOL. I HATE THAT GUY!

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GOOD MORNING, SASUKE. IS THIS SEAT TAKEN...? ♡

AAKK!!

WHAT'S THAT SUPPOSED TO MEAN? ARE YOU TALKIN' TO ME?!

YOU WANT SOME-THING?!

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WHO DOES SHE THINK SHE IS?

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YOU AIM FOR THE TARGET...

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UH-HUNH, YEAH...

AND SO... YOU DO IT LIKE SO...

THE MISSION GOAL-- FIRST KISS!!

INNER SAKURA

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TODAY'S THE DAY THAT SASUKE WILL BE MINE!!

しゃんなろー!!

I JUST DON'T GET IT.

こ hi そ hi WHAT "SO" GREAT ABOUT HIM?! ここが んだってばよ

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SAKURA LOOKS LIKE SHE'S IN TOTAL ECTASY.

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HIT HIM, SASUKE...

GET LOST!

-:HMF!-

LEAVE SASUKE ALONE!!

NARUTO, YOU JERK!

UM... UM...

OH! SORRY!

OOPS.

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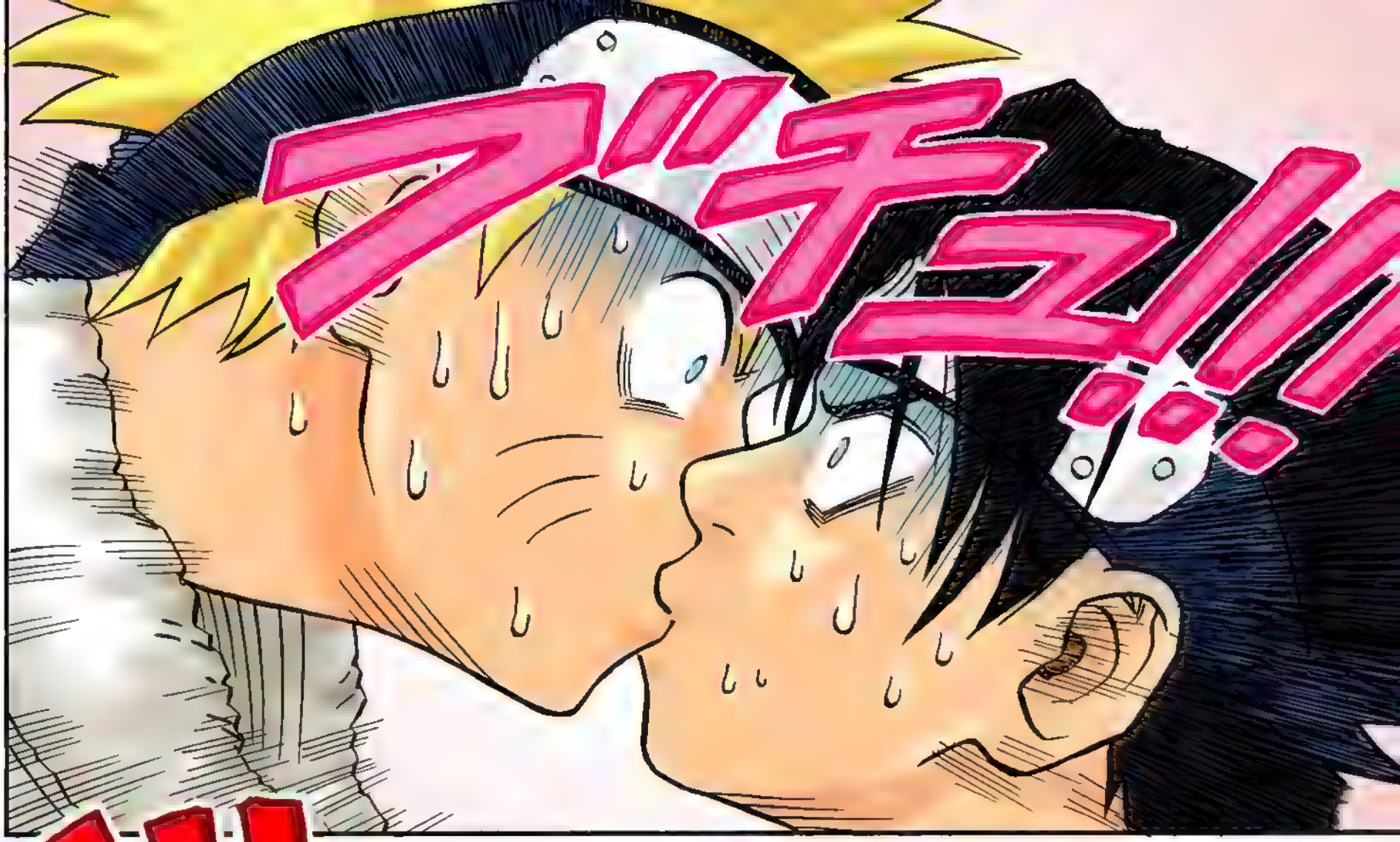
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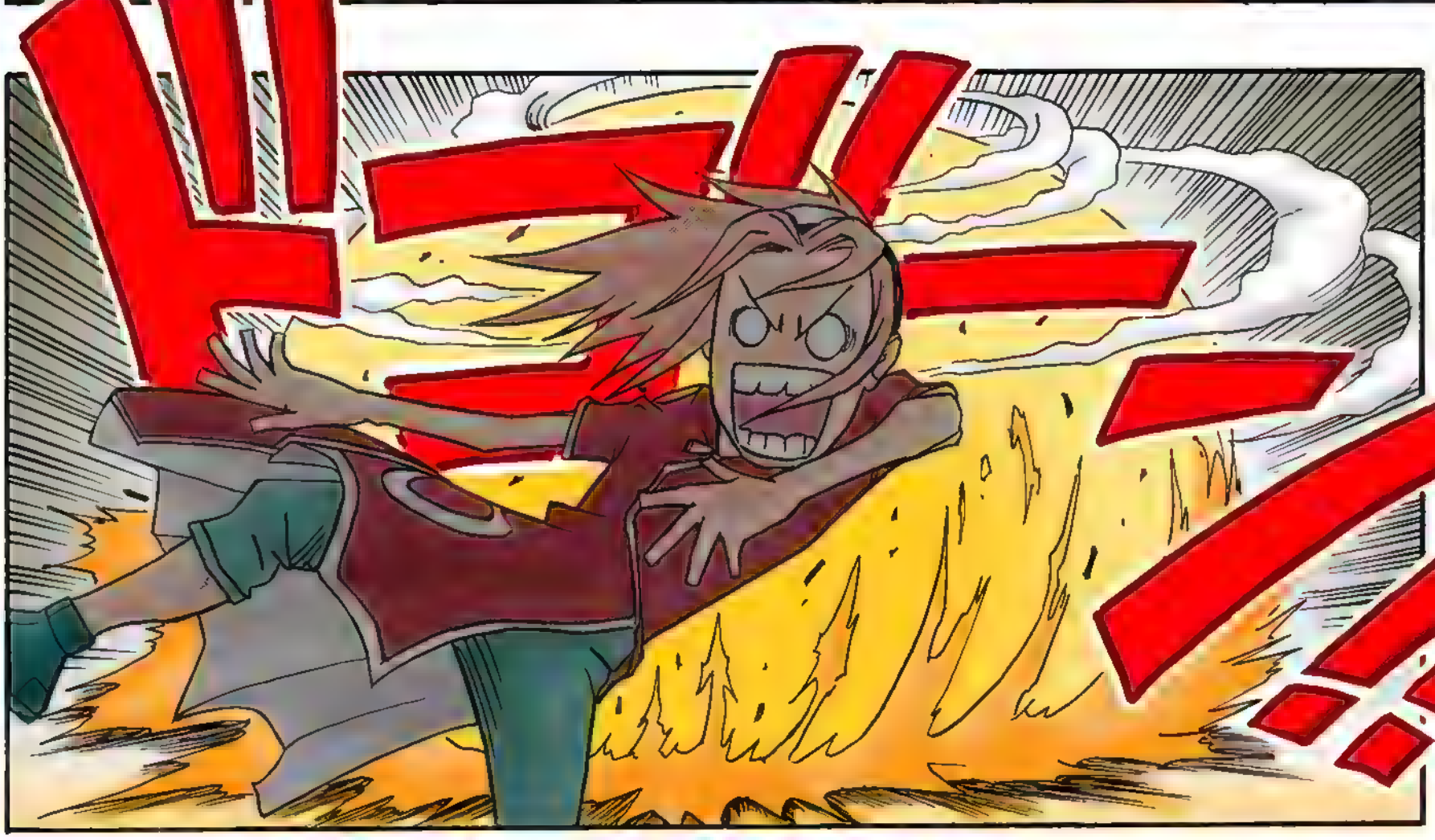
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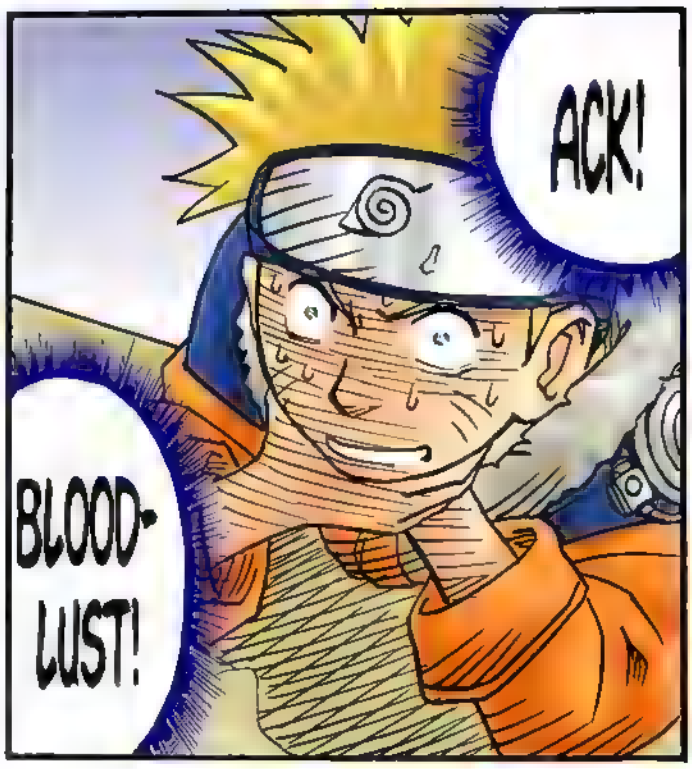
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BLOOD-LUST!

POISON! MY MOUTH IS RUINED!
NARUTO, YOU PIECE OF CRAP, YOU ARE DEAD!!
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WHY ARE YOU...?

YOU MAKE ME SICK!

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NARUTO...

IT WAS AN ACCIDENT!! I SWEAR!

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BUT, AMONG THE RANKS OF THE SHINOBI, YOU ARE MERE NOVICES, LOWEST OF THE LOW.

YOUR GREATEST CHALLENGES ALL LIE AHEAD.

POP

SIZZLE

FROM THIS DAY FORWARD YOU ARE NO LONGER MERE STUDENTS OF NINJUTSU, BUT FULL-FLEDGED SHINOBI.

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... WHO WILL GUIDE AND COACH YOU AS YOU BECOME FAMILIAR WITH YOUR VARIOUS ASSIGNMENTS.

WE WILL BEGIN BY DIVIDING YOU INTO THREE-MAN CELLS.

EACH OF WHICH WILL BE MENTORED BY A *JÔNIN*, A MORE SENIOR NINJA...

THE NEXT STEP IS THE ASSIGNMENT OF OFFICIAL DUTIES TO YOU ALL ON BEHALF OF OUR VILLAGE.

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SO LONG AS I'M PARTNERED WITH SAKURA... I'LL TAKE ANYBODY ELSE... EXCEPT SASUKE!

IT'S PERFECT! I KNOW THEY'LL TEAM ME UP WITH SASUKE!

THREE MAN CELLS? SOUNDS LIKE TWO TOO MANY...

NEXT, CELL NUMBER SEVEN.

HARUNO SAKURA...

UZUMAKI NARUTO...

WHAAAAAAT!!!

I MADE THE SELECTIONS SO THAT EACH CELL'S ABILITIES WOULD BE APPROXIMATELY EQUAL.

AND... UCHIHA SASUKE!

OH, YEAH!!

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WOO-HOO!

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MASTER IRUKA!! WHAT WERE YOU THINKING OF, SADDLING A MOST EXCELLENT SHINOBI LIKE MYSELF...

...WITH THAT LOSER?!

THE IDEA IS TO BALANCE YOUR DIFFERENT STRENGTHS... THAT'S WHY YOU ENDED UP TOGETHER!

..... OF THE TWENTY-SEVEN OF YOU, SASUKE HAS THE BEST GRADES, NARUTO.

YOU WOULD BE THE BOTTOM OF THE CLASS.

JUST KNOCK IT OFF, NARUTO!

WHAT'D YOU CALL ME?!

ピク ピク

...DUNCE!

HMM...

JUST DON'T DRAG ME DOWN ...

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EVEN NARUTO...

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...AWW... THEY'LL WORK IT OUT.

AND SAKURA...

SA-SUKE IS SUCH A JERK !!!

OK, EVERYONE. I'LL BE INTRODUCING YOUR SENIOR NINJUTSU INSTRUCTORS THIS AFTERNOON.

UNTIL THEN, YOU'RE DIS-MISSED!

I'VE GOT IT!!

THIS SUCKS!

THIS SUCKS!

SIGH...

THERE HAS TO BE AN UP-SIDE...

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飯：SASUKE LETS THIS GUARD DOWN WHEN HE'S EATING...

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AGH!

HHSS

SHH! KEEP IT DOWN, IDIOT!

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HEY! WHO THE HE... NARUTO!

FOOL..

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HOW CAN I OVER-WHELM HIM BY SEX APPEAL...

...WHEN I GOT SO SHORT-CHANGED IN THE TITS AND ASS DEPART-MENT?! THE ONLY PART OF ME THAT'S OVER-SIZED IS MY STUPID FOREHEAD!

-SIGH-

IT CAN'T BE!

I'M SO SELF-CONSCIOUS ABOUT IT!

WHICH IS JUST...

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なんだか LIKE HE CAN SEE RIGHT THROUGH ME! の心

WITH BED-ROOM EYES! あんな 差しで

BUT IT IS! SASUKE-HE'S LOOKING AT ME!!

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OH--!

THAT'S WHAT IT'S THERE FOR! ♡

YOU HAVE SUCH A NOBLE BROW.

SO CHARMING.. I COULD KISS IT!

ドキ!

YOU HAVE SUCH A NOBLE BROW.

WHAT!

...FAIRY TALES DON'T COME TRUE...

...AND IT COULDN'T HAPPEN TO ME.

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-SIGH-

SO CHARMING... I COULD KISS IT!

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DREAMS DO COME TRUE!

しゃーんなろー!!

内なるサクラ

IF I'M DREAMING DON'T WAKE ME...

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WHAT DO YOU THINK OF... NARUTO?

YES?

SAKURA, I HAVE TO KNOW...

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THAT'S PROBABLY WHAT NARUTO WOULD SAY.

...IS YOU, SASUKE.

HE RUINS EVERY-THING... HE ENJOYS TORMENT-ING ME!

...IF HE HAD HIS WAY, I'D NEVER FIND LOVE OR HAPPINESS...

IN FACT, THE ONE PERSON WHOSE OPINION I VALUE... THE ONLY ONE I REALLY WANT TO BE CLOSE TO...

NARUTO DOESN'T UNDERSTAND ME AT ALL!..... I CAN'T STAND TO HAVE HIM ANYWHERE NEAR ME!

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ズイ…

I'M… DESPERATE.

..THE ONLY ONE I REALLY WANT TO BE CLOSE TO…

…ONLY YOU.

一人(ひとり)ジケン

BECAUSE I HAVE A CRUSH ON YOU…

I'D DO ALMOST ANYTHING TO WIN YOUR ATTENTION… YOUR RESPECT…

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サクラ 何(なん)で I'M FINALLY STARTING TO UNDER-STAND… 今(いま)分(わ)かった…

…WHAT I LOVE ABOUT SAKURA! 気(き)がする…

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USED HIS SHINOBI ILLUSIONS TO PASS AS ME!...

WHAT'S HE UP TO?!

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DAMN NARUTO!

?

MY S- STOMACH..

GASP!

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MAYBE HE NEEDS TO GATHER UP THE COURAGE TO...

..OH, SASUKE. HE'S SHY!

I'M GETTING... THE... R-R.. RRRUNS!!

GOTTA GO!

WHAT'S WRONG?

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I HAD TO POSE AS PIN-UP BOY SASUKE...

BUT NOT BEFORE SHE SAID IT SHE CAN'T STAND ME!

...SO I COULD FIND OUT HOW SAKURA REALLY FEELS.

MY STOMACH CRAMPED SO BADLY IT ALMOST BROKE THE ILLUSION!

HUFF HUFF HUFF

THAT WAS A CLOSE ONE!

HEH- HEH HEH HEH...

THAT COULD WORK!

I COULD MAKE SAKURA HATE SASUKE...

WAIT A MINUTE!!

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DID YOU SUMMON UP YOUR NERVE?! I'M RIGHT HERE, READY AND WAITING!!

SASUKE! MY SWEET, OLD-FASHIONED BOY! ♡

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CAN'T WE GET AWAY FROM NARUTO FOR JUST ONE SECOND?!

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YOU'RE CHANGING THE SUBJECT AGAIN!

WHERE'S THAT JERK, NARUTO?

RECESS IS OVER.

IT'S BECAUSE HE WAS BADLY BROUGHT UP!!

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HE ALWAYS COMES BETWEEN US!

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DON'T YOU ENVY HIM BEING ALONE, NOT HAVING PARENTS NAG AT YOU ALL THE TIME?

HE DOESN'T HAVE TO ANSWER TO ANYONE, EVER, AND IT'S MADE HIM COMPLETELY SELFISH!!! IF I DID THE KINDS OF THINGS HE GETS AWAY WITH, MY PARENTS WOULD GROUND ME FOR LIFE!

YOU KNOW... BECAUSE HE NEVER HAD ANY PARENTS?

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YOU....

MAKE ME SICK!

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KIDS WITHOUT FAMILIES ALWAYS GROW UP SELFISH.

WHAT?

THAT, AND LONELY.

BEING SCOLDED BY YOUR FOLKS DOESN'T EVEN COMPARE!

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...WHA... WHAT'S GOTTEN INTO YOU ALL OF A SUDDEN?

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I WONDER IF SAKURA'S STILL WAITING!

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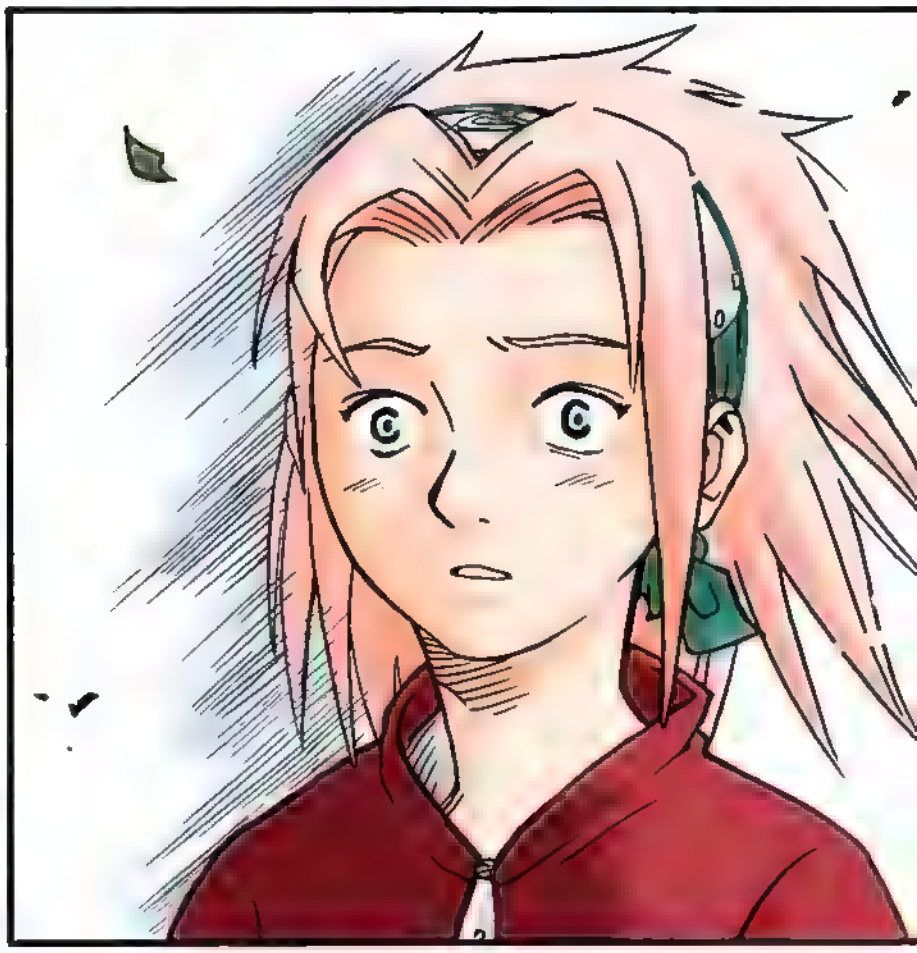
FINALLY! IT'S OVER!



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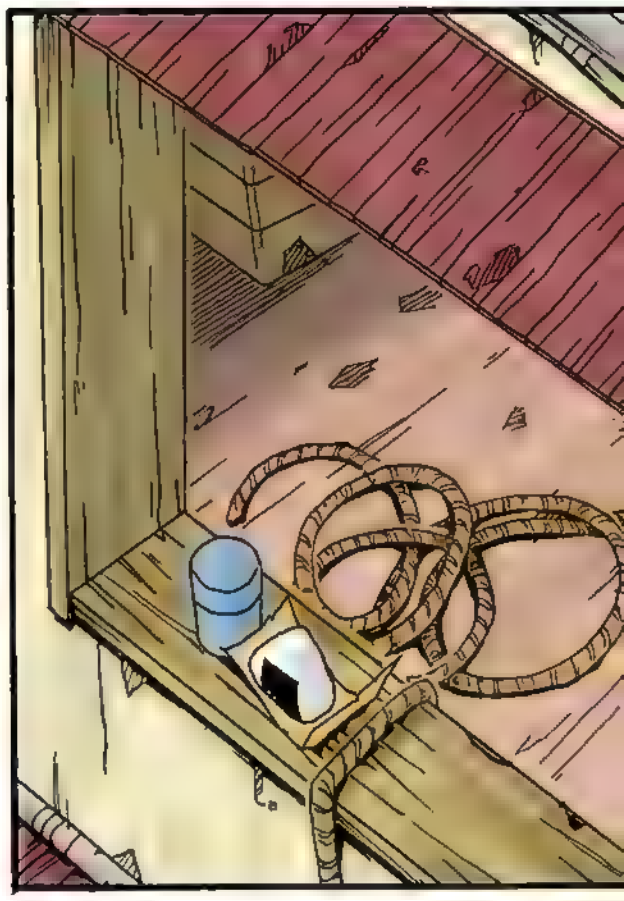
HUH?

HUH?



TRY TO KEEP THAT IN MIND... DUNCE.

A SIMPLE ROPE TRICK. ANY GOOD NINJA IS AN ESCAPE ARTIST.

AWW...!

WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?!!

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...I WONDER IF NARUTO FEELS THAT WAY, TOO...

MAYBE, FROM NOW ON, I COULD TRY BEING A LITTLE...

...NICER..?

I MAKE HIM SICK...

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...こ、か、過ぎHIS MILK'S EXPIRED.賞味期限が切れ...

HE'S CLUMSY, BUT YOU'RE THE BEST CHOICE TO WATCH HIM. YOU HAVE A TALENT FOR SNIFFING THINGS OUT!

YES.

THIS IS NARUTO'S HOUSE, ISN'T IT?

THIS COULD BE A TERRIBLE MISSION, BUT...

I'LL DO MY BEST!

WHAT'S MORE, ANOTHER MEMBER OF THE CELL YOU SHALL OVERSEE WILL BE SASUKE, OF THE UCHIHA CLAN. BEST OF LUCK!

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The picture on the right is from Karakuri ("mechanism"), the first story I submitted to Weekly Shonen Jump. Karakuri won the Hop Step Award for new manga artists, which allowed me to get picked up by my current editor and helped me begin my journey down the road of a manga artist. It's a manga that brings back a lot of memories for me. But, man, the hero sure does have intensely terrifying eyes.

The picture on the right is another one from the first manga I published in Weekly Shonen Jump...that's right, Karakuri! But when the reader polls came in, its popularity was rock bottom! Still, this manga also brings back a lot of memories for me.

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WHY ARE WE THE ONLY CELL...

...WHOSE TEACHER HASN'T SHOWN UP YET?!

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CUT IT OUT, NARUTO!

HEY!! WHAT ARE YOU UP TO, NARUTO?!!

EVEN MASTER IRUKA HAS GONE!

ALL THE OTHER TEAMS HAVE ALREADY GONE OFF WITH THEIR TEACHERS.

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HEH HEH HEH HEH!

GROW UP!

IT'S WHAT HE GETS FOR MAKING US WAIT!!

NO WAY COULD A SUPERIOR SHINOBI BE CAUGHT BY SUCH A SIMPLE BOOBY TRAP!

HMMF

STUFF LiKE THiS iS THE BEST!!

I WANT NO PART OF IT!

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GOTCHA! GOOD ONE!

HA HA HA HA!!

OK!! OK!!

INNER SAKURA

THAT-WAS AWESOME!-!!

I'M SORRY, SENSEI. I TRIED TO STOP HIM, BUT NARUTO...

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HE LOOKS COMPLETELY WORTH-LESS!

SO... THIS IS OUR ELITE SHINOBI LEADER?

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...I HATE YOU!!

BASED ON MY FIRST IMPRESSION, I'D HAVE TO SAY...

HMM... HOW SHALL I PUT THIS?

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LIKE WHAT?

NOW, I'D LIKE YOU ALL TO TELL US A LITTLE ABOUT YOUR-SELVES.

THAT'S RIGHT... AFTER ALL, YOU'RE A COMPLETE STRANGER TO US... A MYSTERY.

HELP US OUT HERE, COACH. YOU GO FIRST. SHOW US HOW IT'S DONE.

DREAMS, AMBITIONS, HOBBIES. THINGS LIKE THAT.

....YOU KNOW. THE USUAL. YOUR FAVORITE THING... WHAT YOU HATE MOST...

MY DREAMS FOR THE FUTURE ARE NONE OF YOUR BUSINESS... BUT ANYWAY, I HAVE LOTS OF HOBBIES...

OH..... ME? MY NAME IS HATAKE KAKASHI. I'M THE KIND OF PERSON WHO DOESN'T FEEL LIKE TALKING ABOUT HIS LIKES AND DISLIKES!

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NOW, IT'S YOUR TURN. STARTING WITH YOU ON THE RIGHT.

...BUT ALL WE REALLY LEARNED WAS HIS NAME.

HEY... HE SAID A LOT....

MY DREAM IS TO ONE DAY...

HE APPEARS TO HAVE NOTHING MORE ON HIS MIND THAN RAMEN..

WHAT I HATE IS THE THREE MINUTE WAIT AFTER I POUR IN THE BOILING WATER.

WHAT I LIKE EVEN BETTER IS WHEN MASTER IRUKA TREATS ME TO RAMEN AT THE UCHIRAKU NOODLE BAR!!

ME, RIGHT?! MY NAME IS UZUMAKI NARUTO! WHAT I LIKE IS INSTANT CUP RAMEN!

AND THEN ALL THE VILLAGERS WILL HAVE TO ACKNOWLEDGE MY EXISTENCE AT LAST!!

...BE A BETTER SHINOBI THAN LORD HOKAGE!!

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PRANKS AND PRACTICAL JOKES, I GUESS

MY HOBB-IES ARE...

WELL, HASN'T TURNED OUT INTEREST-ING!!

NEXT!

SEE...

...BUT WHAT I DO HAVE IS DETERMINATION. I PLAN TO RESTORE MY CLAN. AND THERE'S SOMEONE I HAVE SWORN...

MY NAME IS UCHIHA SASUKE. THERE ARE PLENTY OF THINGS I HATE, BUT I DON'T SEE THAT IT MATTERS, CONSIDERING THERE IS ALMOST NOTHING I DO LIKE.

IT SEEMS POINTLESS TO TALK ABOUT "DREAMS"... THAT'S JUST A WORD...

...TO KILL.

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...I SUS-PEC-TED AS MUCH...

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SURE HOPE IT'S NOT ME...

HE IS SO COOL! ♡

UH... LET'S MOVE ON TO MY DREAM.

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I AM HARUNO SAKURA. MY FAVORITE THING IS... WELL IT'S NOT A THING, IT'S A PERSON. A BOY... AND THAT BOY IS...

THE YOUNG LADY..

AND FINALLY..

MY HOB-BIES ARE...

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...NARUTO!

I HATE...

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ENOUGH.

...ARE MORE INTERESTED IN LOVE THAN NINJUTSU...

IT SOUNDS AS THOUGH YOUNG GIRLS...

OUR FIRST REAL SHINOBI MISSION!

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SNAP!

YES, SIR!

WHAT WILL OUR DUTIES BE?!

FORMAL TRAINING BEGINS TOMORROW.

I BELIEVE WE ALL UNDER-STAND ONE ANOTHER.

SURVIVAL EXERCISES.

WHAT?

WHAT IS IT?

OUR FIRST PROJECT INVOLVES ONLY THE MEMBERS OF THIS CELL.

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OUR SCHOOL DAYS WERE FULL OF SURVIVAL TRAINING!

BUT WHY WOULD THAT BE A MISSION?

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SURVIVAL EXERCISES?

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IT WON'T BE YOUR TYPICAL PRACTICE.

BUT YOU'LL HAVE TO SURVIVE... AGAINST ME.

WHAT ARE YOU LAUGHING ABOUT, MASTER KAKASHI?

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SNURF...

WELL, THEN, WHAT KIND OF PRACTICE WILL IT BE?

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WHY?!

CHICKEN OUT ...?

IF I TOLD YOU, YOU'D CHICKEN OUT.

OH, NOTHING. IT'S JUST THAT...

THE TEST WE ARE ABOUT TO PERFORM HAS A 66% RATE OF FAILURE.

OF THE TWENTY-SEVEN MEMBERS OF YOUR GRADUATING CLASS, ONLY NINE WILL ACTUALLY BE ACCEPTED AS JUNIOR-LEVEL SHINOBI.

THE OTHER EIGHTEEN MUST GO BACK FOR MORE TRAINING.

SEE? YOU'RE CHICKENING OUT ALREADY!

HA HA HA!

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GULP!

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OH! WE WANTED TO ELIMINATE ALL THE HOPELESS CASES FROM YOUR RANKS. THE ONES WHO ARE LEFT ARE THE ONLY STUDENTS WHO SHOW TRUE POTENTIAL.

SAY WHAT?!!

WE HAVE BEEN THROUGH HELL! WHAT ABOUT OUR GRADUA-TION TEST?!

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THAT SUCKS!!!

AND DON'T HAVE BREAKFAST BEFORE-HAND... UNLESS YOU ENJOY THROWING UP.

BRING ALL OF YOUR NINJA TOOLS AND WEAPONS.

IN ANY EVENT, WE'LL MEET TOMORROW MORNING ON THE PRACTICE FIELD SO THAT I CAN EVALUATE EACH OF YOUR SKILLS AND WEAKNESSES.

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I'LL KICK MASTER KAKASHI'S ASS! THEN I'LL GET SOME RESPECT! YEAH!

NO WAY WILL I LET THIS SET ME BACK.

THE DETAILS OF YOUR ASSIGNMENT ARE IN THIS HANDOUT. MEMORIZE IT...

... AND DON'T BE LATE!

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THROW UP? HOW HARD IS THIS EXERCISE GOING TO BE?!

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AWW, MAN! IT'S ALL IN KANJI!

HMMM...

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KRUMPLE

I CAN'T FAIL IT!

THAT WOULD MEAN LEAVING SASUKE...

THIS IS LIKE A TEST OF MY LOVE!!

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BUT THEN HE'LL TRY TO SWEEP ME WITH HIS RIGHT LEG, AND...

...THAT'S WHEN I'LL KICK HIM IN THE BALLS!

POW

HOLD ONTO HIS SLEEVE AND PUNCH HIM THERE!

BAM

IF MASTER KAKASHI COMES AT ME FROM THIS ANGLE, I'LL PARRY LIKE SO!

BOOM

ALL NIGHT NARUTO PRACTICED, DILIGENTLY PUMMELING AN EFFIGY OF HIS TEACHER....

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YOU'RE LATE!!!!

GOOD MORNING, CLASS!

THE NEXT DAY

I'VE SET THIS ALARM TO GO OFF AT NOON.

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YOUR CHALLENGE IS TO STEAL THESE FROM ME BEFORE THE TIMER SOUNDS.

I HAVE HERE TWO SMALL BELLS...

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SO THAT'S WHY YOU WANTED US TO GO WITHOUT BREAKFAST!

AAWWWW...!

GRRRROWL

INSTEAD, YOU WILL BE TIED TO THAT TREE STUMP, SO I CAN EAT YOUR LUNCH IN FRONT OF YOU.

ANYONE WHO FAILS...

...DOESN'T GET ANY LUNCH.

BUT SINCE THERE AREN'T ENOUGH TO GO AROUND, ONE OF YOU IS DEFINITELY HEADED FOR THE STUMP.

ALL YOU NEED IS JUST ONE BELL... APIECE.

ONE OF YOU IS ON YOUR WAY BACK TO SCHOOL... AND DISGRACE.

...AND WHOEVER THAT IS WILL BE THE FIRST OF YOU TO FAIL.

ATTACK AS THOUGH YOU MEAN TO KILL OR YOU'LL NEVER STAND A CHANCE.

YOU MAY, IF YOU CHOOSE, USE SHURIKEN.

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YOU'RE GONNA GET YOURSELF KILLED!

YOU COULDN'T EVEN DODGE AN ERASER!!

BUT THAT'S SO DANGEROUS!

BUT...

DUNCE DUNCE DUNCE DUNCE! DUNCE!

MUST YOU TALK SO BIG?

ONLY THE WEAK SPEAK LOUDLY.

NOW, LET'S FORGET THE DUNCE, AND WE'LL START ON MY SIGNAL!

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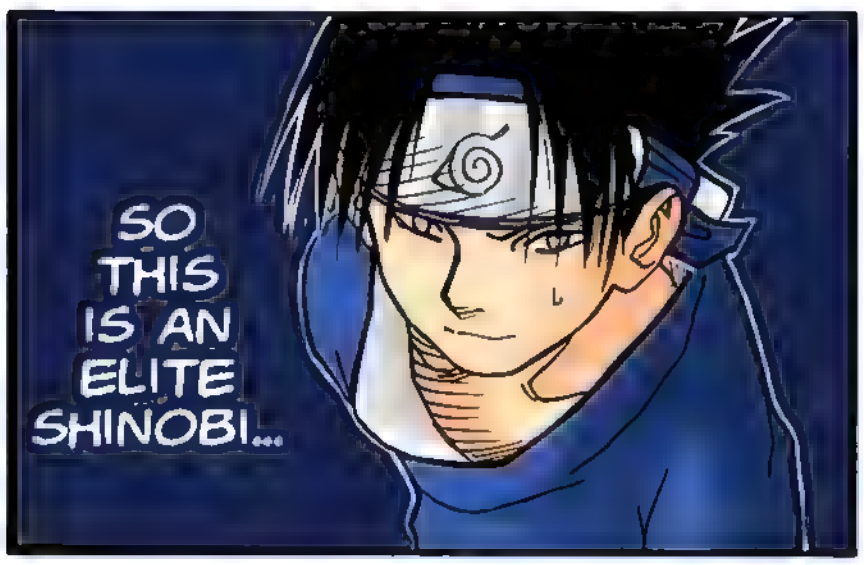

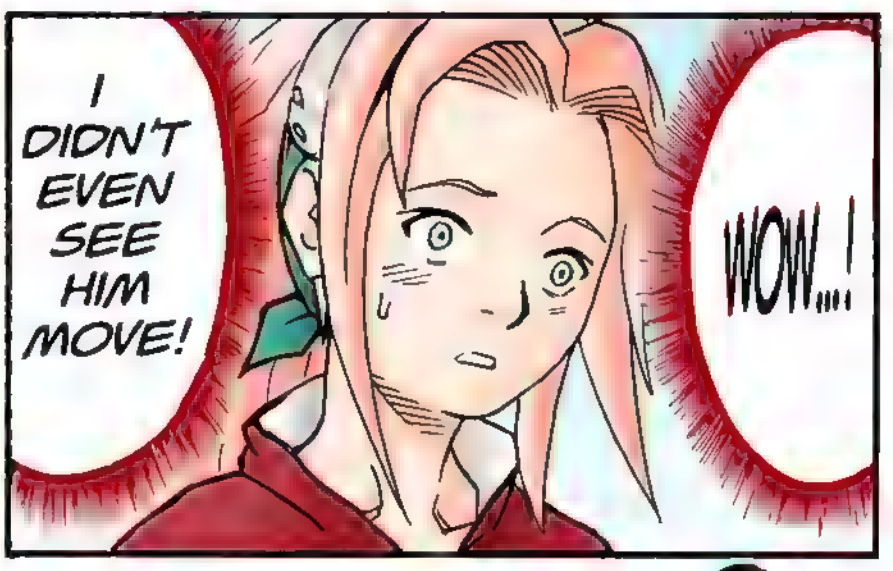

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SO, IT SEEMS YOU'VE BEGUN TO RESPECT ME.

BUT AT LEAST YOU STRUCK TO KILL...

...AND NOW... READY...

...STEADY...

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I'M START-ING TO LIKE YOU THREE.

...JUST MAYBE...

HEH- HEH- HEH.... MAYBE....

GO!!!

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THE MAKING OF NARUTO!!!

The Kakashi That Might Have Been

The Rejected Outline for the Second Chapter

My original plan for Kakashi's first appearance was to have him show up in the second chapter of **Naruto** (see **page #61**). He was meant to be a cool, affected, upper-level ninja who ended sentences (in the original Japanese) with the very polite "*de gozaru*" verb form. This was going to be before Sakura and Sasuke had been introduced. Kakashi would suddenly appear on the scene as Naruto's teacher. This idea was discarded after a discussion with my editor at **Weekly Shonen Jump**. As an outgrowth of things we discussed together, I was able to flesh out Kakashi, Sasuke, and Sakura into the characters they are today.

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5：油断大敵!!

PRIDE GOETH BEFORE A FALL

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THE BASIS OF ALL SHINOBI ARTS IS TO BECOME INVISIBLE... ERADICATE YOURSELF...

SKF

ALL THREE OF THEM ARE WELL HIDDEN...

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YOU MAY BE THINKING OF THE WRONG KIND OF MATCH...

....

LET'S MAKE IT A REAL MATCH, WORTHY OF THE GREATEST WARRIORS!

THAT FOOL...

IT'S TIME FOR THE MATCH TO BEGIN!!

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THE ONLY WRONG THING HERE IS YOUR HAIRSTYLE!

SHFF

CHING CHING

RUSTLE

UH-OH!

!!

SKREEE

...HE'S GOING FOR A WEAPON?

...SO HOW COME...

THE TRAINED BODY? ISN'T THAT LIKE HAND-TO-HAND COMBAT?

RUSTLE

SSH!

TAI-JUTSU THE ART OF THE TRAINED BODY!

LET ME TEACH YOU...

...YOUR FIRST NINJUTSU SKILL !!

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!?

IT SHOULDN'T MAKE ANY DIFFERENCE IN THE OUTCOME, CONSIDERING WHO I'M UP AGAINST.

CARRY ON...

OF COURSE, IT'S A BOOK. I'VE BEEN DYING TO FIND OUT HOW THIS STORY ENDS.

.....? IS SOMETHING WRONG? I THOUGHT YOU WERE COMING FOR ME.

...BUT... YOU... I MEAN, I...I MEAN... WHY ARE YOU... THAT'S A BOOK!

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I'M GONNA FLATTEN YOU!

!!

GRRAAA--!!

GURK!

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HMF

ALL RIGHT! THAT'S IT!!

CHARGE!!

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SHOWING YOUR BACK SO MANY TIMES IS VERY POOR NINJUTSU... DUNCE.

WHAT THE...?

SWIPE

BUT HE COULDN'T BE!

IT'S MUCH TOO ADVANCED A TECHNIQUE TO USE AGAINST NARUTO!

HE'S USING HIS HANDS TO MAKE THE SIGN OF THE TIGER!

!

OHH--!

WHAT?

TOO LATE.

YOU'LL BE KILLED!

NARUTO---!!! GET OUT OF THERE!!!

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まさか…あの印は火とんの…

教師のヤロー逃げまわるだけじゃないのか…

THAT DAMNED TEACHER WASN'T JUST RUNNING AROUND...

IMPOSSIBLE... NOW HE'S MAKING THE SIGN OF FLAMES...

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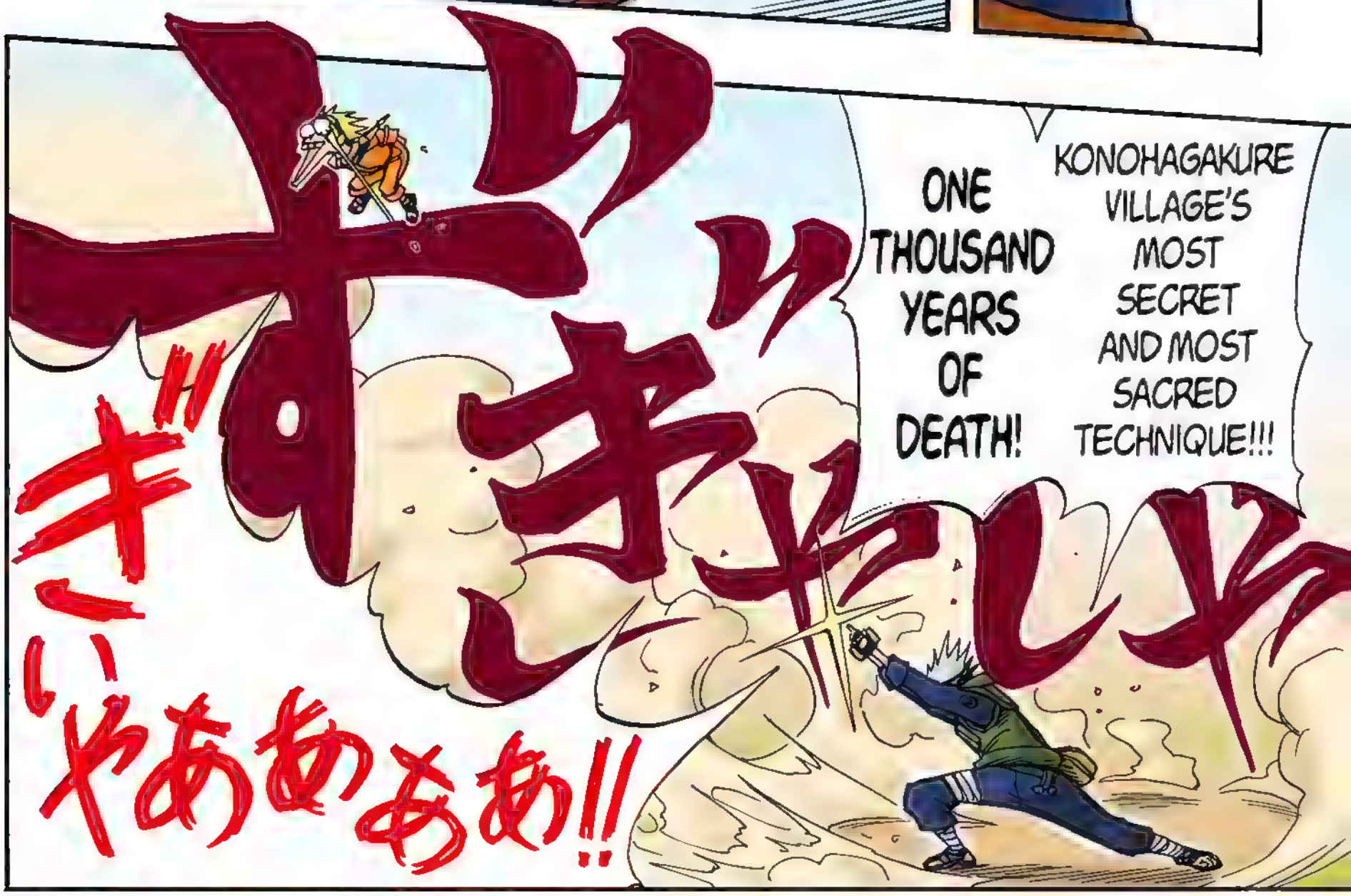
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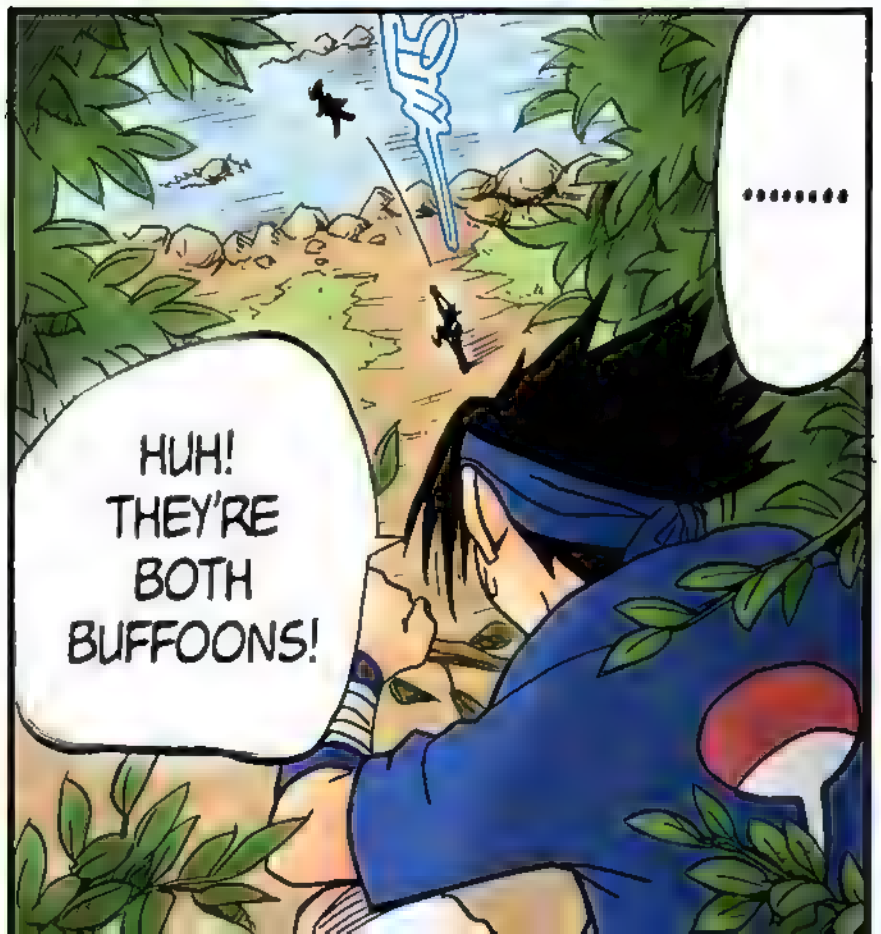
ONE THOUSAND YEARS OF DEATH!
KONOHAGAKURE VILLAGE'S MOST SECRET AND MOST SACRED TECHNIQUE!!!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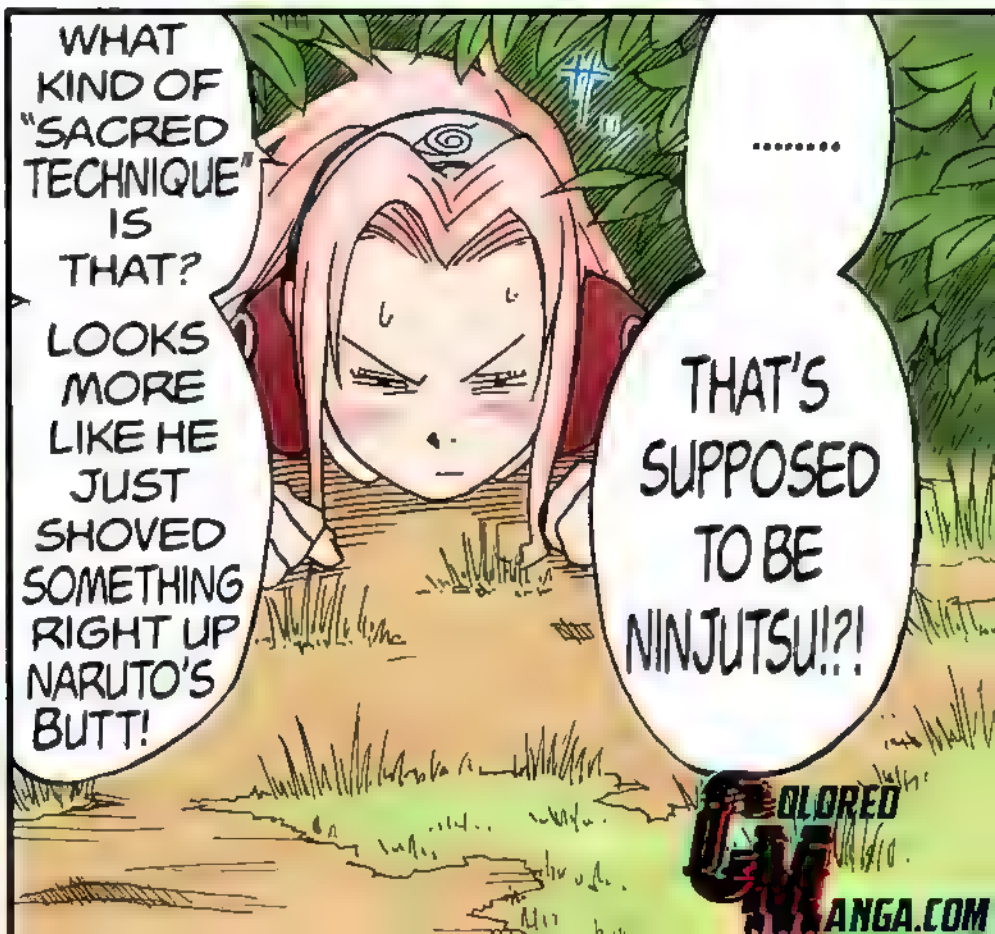
HUH! THEY'RE BOTH BUFFOONS!


WHAT KIND OF "SACRED TECHNIQUE" IS THAT?
LOOKS MORE LIKE HE JUST SHOVED SOMETHING RIGHT UP NARUTO'S BUTT!
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THAT'S SUPPOSED TO BE NINJUTSU!?!
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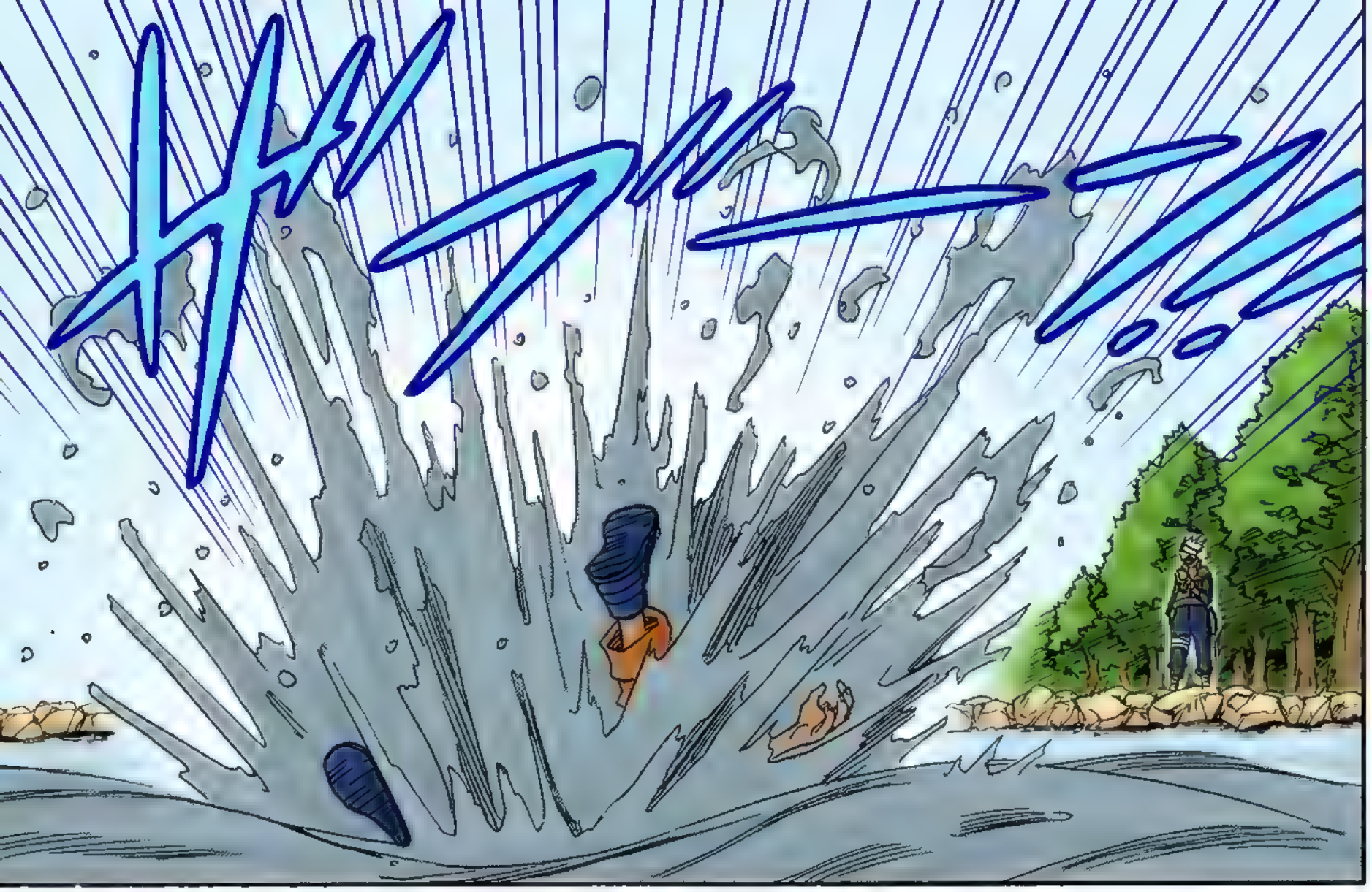

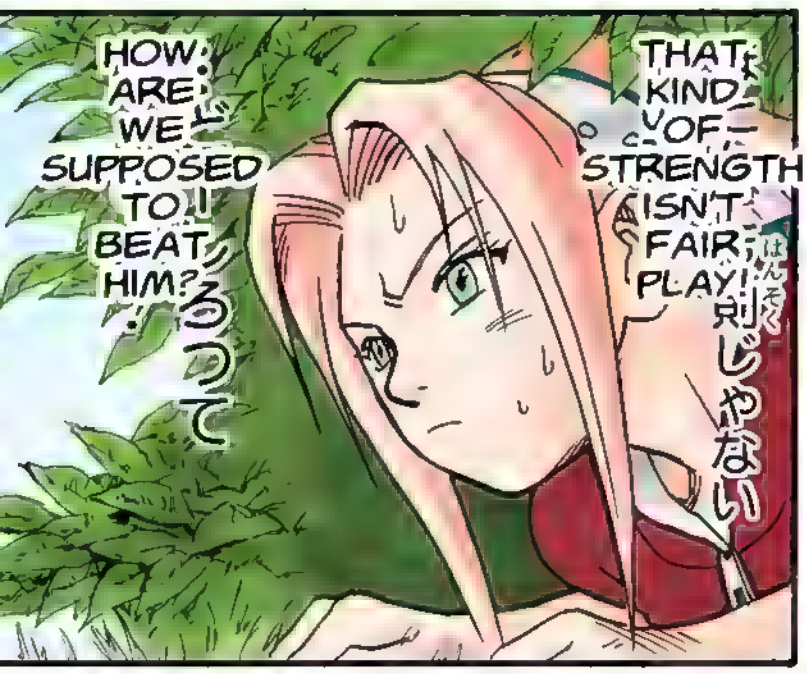

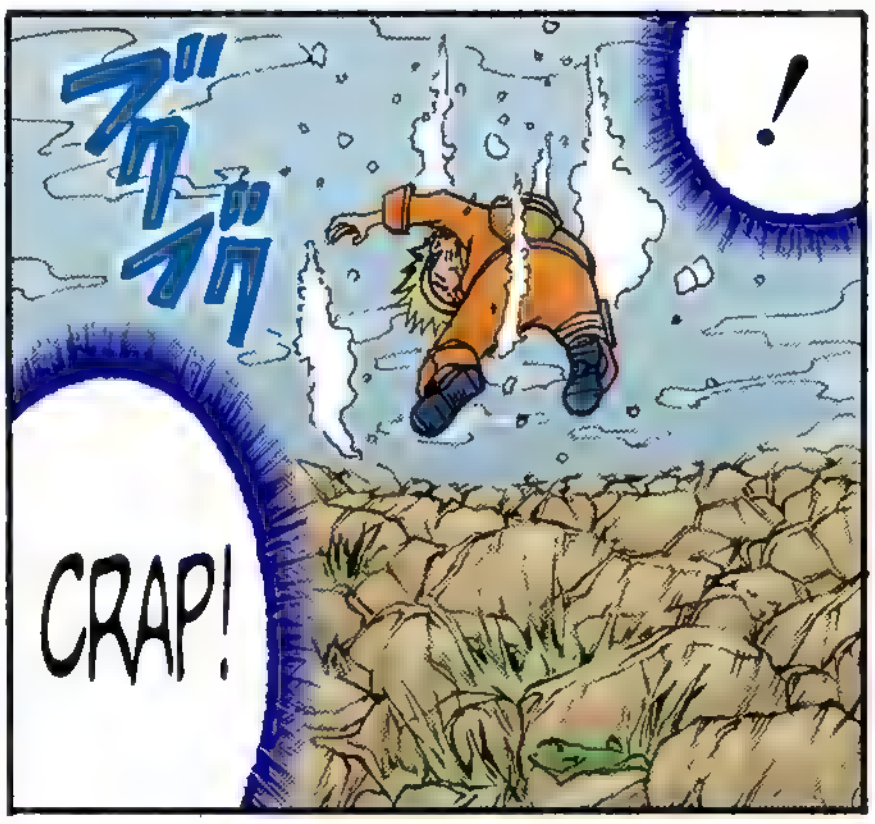

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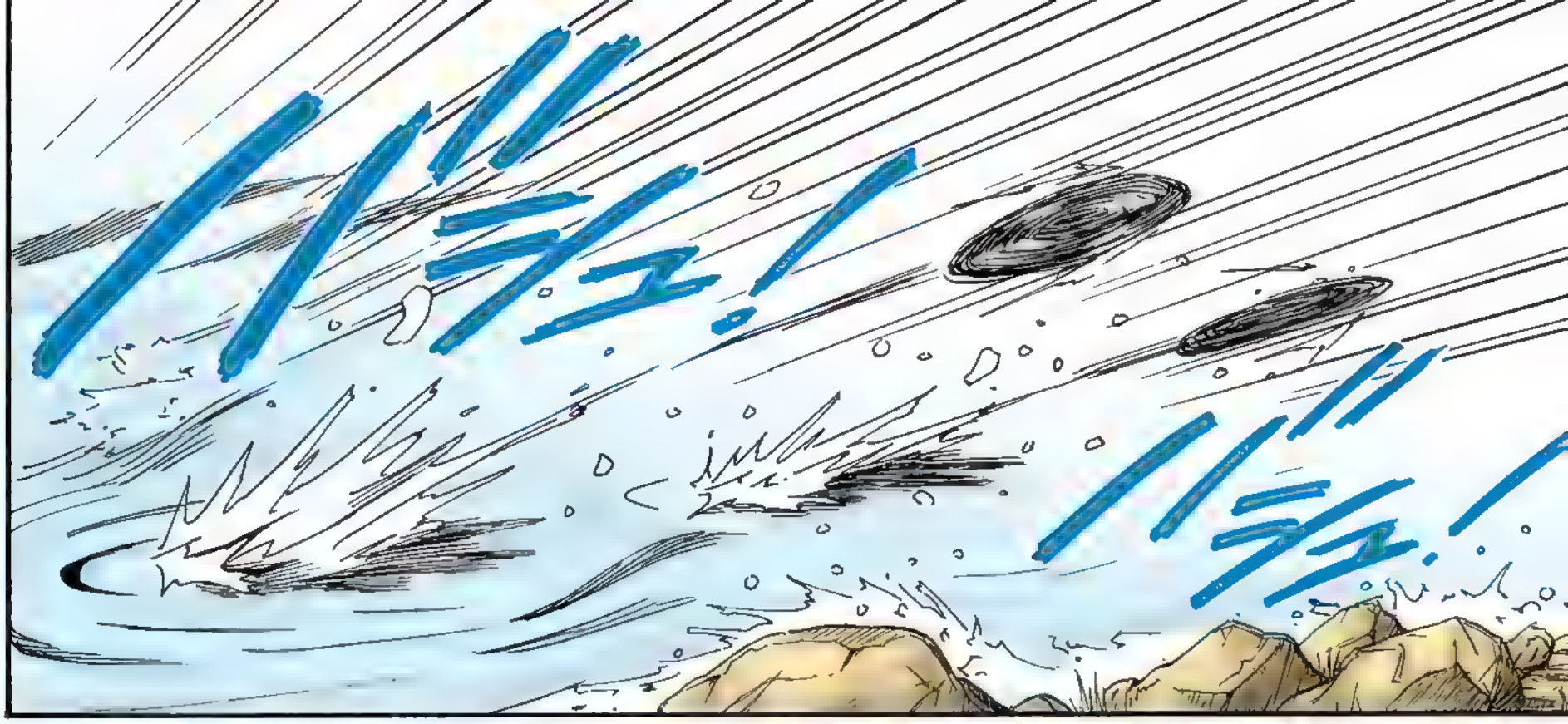

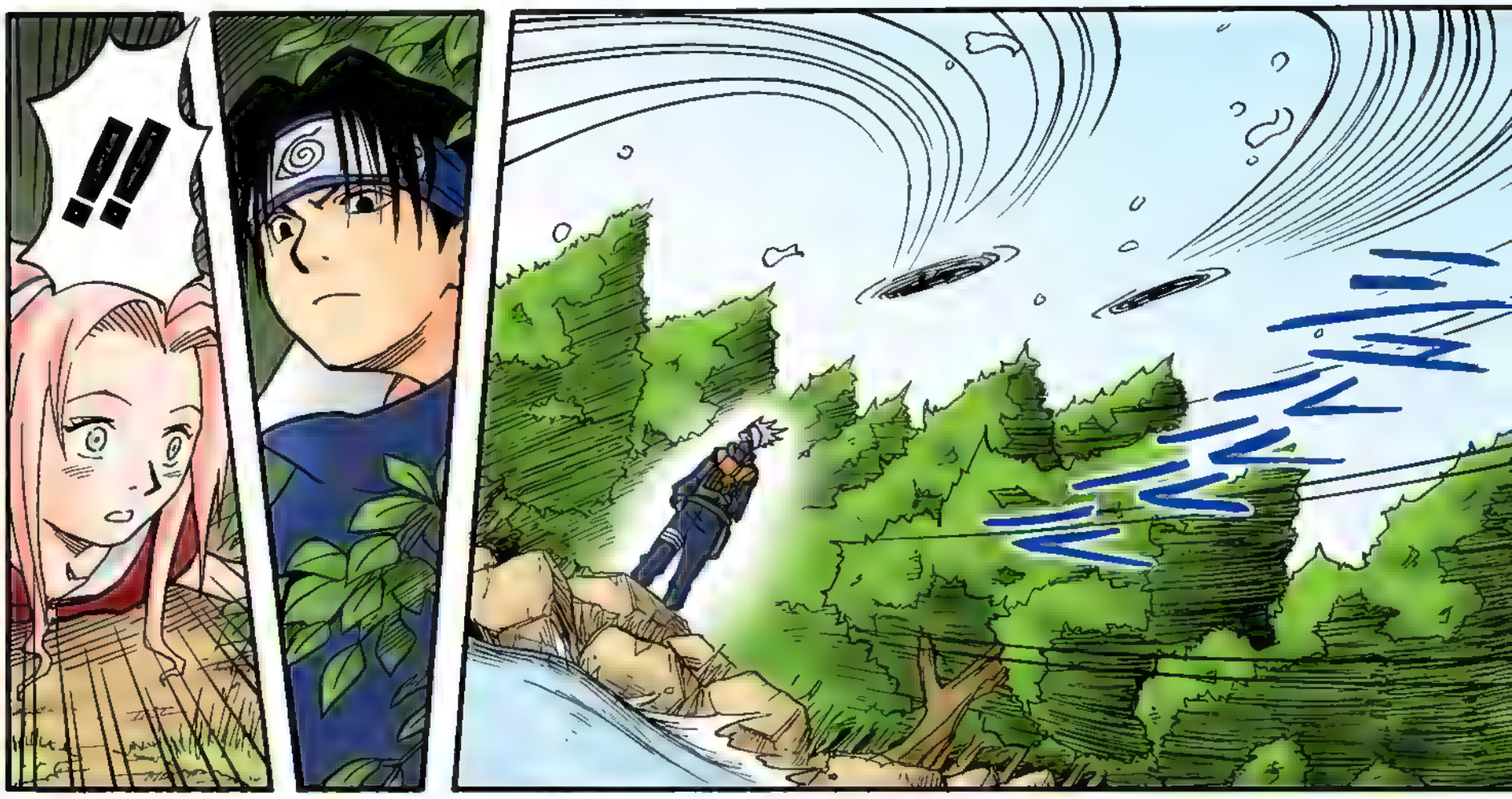

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HE'S JUST PLAYING WITH NARUTO.

AND HE'S STILL CHUCKLING OVER HIS BOOK...

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NOOOOO!!!

...FOR HIM, I HAVE NOTHING BUT RESPECT. HE'S AN EXCELLENT STUDENT

NO ONE WILL EVER ACCEPT YOU!

YOU ARE THE NINE-TAILED FOX SPIRIT THAT DESTROYED THE VILLAGE!

I WILL NOT ...

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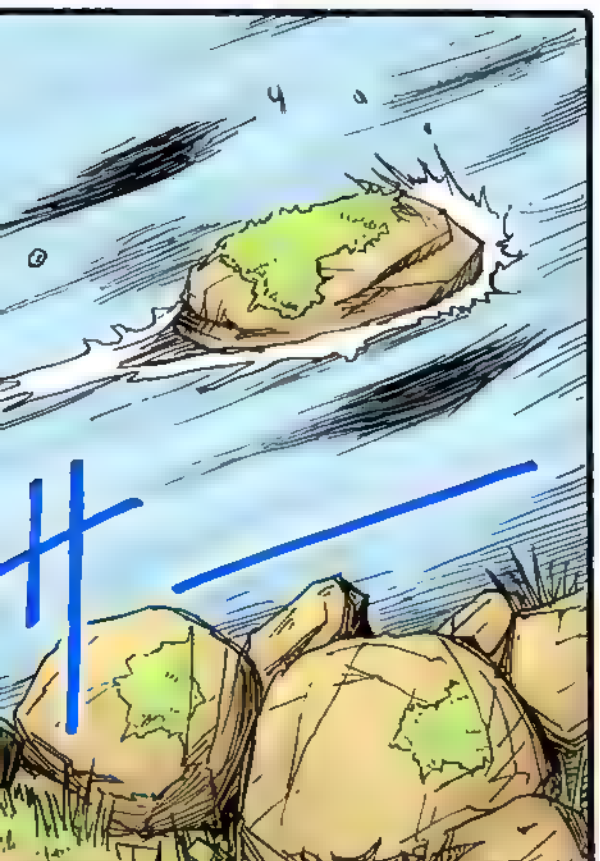
……I WILL...なぁ……



I WILL NOT BACK DOWN!

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KOFF. KOFF!

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PUFF

HUFF

PUFF

GET ONE OF THESE BELLS BY LUNCH, OR YOU'LL HAVE NO LUNCH!

WELL? WHAT'S THE HOLD UP?

CRAP! CRAP! CRAP! I CAN FIGHT NO MATTER HOW HUNGRY I AM!

YOU CLAIM TO WANT TO SURPASS LORD HOKAGE, BUT YOU'VE ALREADY RUN OUT OF STEAM.

CHINNNG

DUH! I KNOW THAT!

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I'M... FAMISHED!!
お腹へったぁ～～!!!
I'VE BEEN ON A DIET, SO I HAVEN'T EATEN ANYTHING SINCE LAST NIGHT!!
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.....
CRAP! I'M STARVING...
つて!
...AND COMPLETELY OUT OF GAS...
SO LEARN TO GET READY. DON'T THEY SAY THAT CHANCE FAVORS THE PREPARED MIND?
I JUST WASN'T READY, THAT'S ALL!
SKF
NO MATTER WHAT!
HHHH
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AND I HAVE TO EARN HIS RESPECT!!
HUFF
...BUT...
どど...
I HAVE TO GET A BELL... NO MATTER WHAT!
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HUFF
HUFF
HUFF
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I HAVE TO BECOME A TRUE SHINOBI...

HUNH?

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GET READY! NOW YOU FACE A LOT MORE THAN JUST ONE OF ME!

-POOF!-

-POOF!-

HA-HAH!!! MY SPECIALTY! THE ART OF THE DOPPEL-GANGER!!

HMMMM

NOT ILLUSIONS, BUT ACTUAL MULTIPLE FLESH-AND-BLOOD BODIES!

SKF

THEY'RE NOT ILLUSIONS! EVERY ONE IS SOLID!

ONE...TWO... THREE... EIGHT DISTINCT BODIES!! ...WHAT TECHNIQUE IS HE USING?

!

YOU TALK A GOOD GAME... BUT YOU'RE STILL ONLY NARUTO! YOU'RE A ONE-TRICK PONY WHO HASN'T GOT WHAT IT TAKES TO WIN!

BUT AT YOUR LEVEL YOU COULDN'T BE STRONG ENOUGH TO KEEP THIS UP FOR MORE THAN A MINUTE!

THIS IS THE LOST SHINOBI SKILL FROM THE FORBIDDEN SCROLL... IT'S THE TECHNIQUE HE USED TO DEFEAT MIZUKI!

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WH-WHAT--?

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BEHIND ME!!!!
WH-WHAT--?
CHINNG
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ASH!!

HEH-HEH-HEH... NICE TO SEE YOUR BACK...

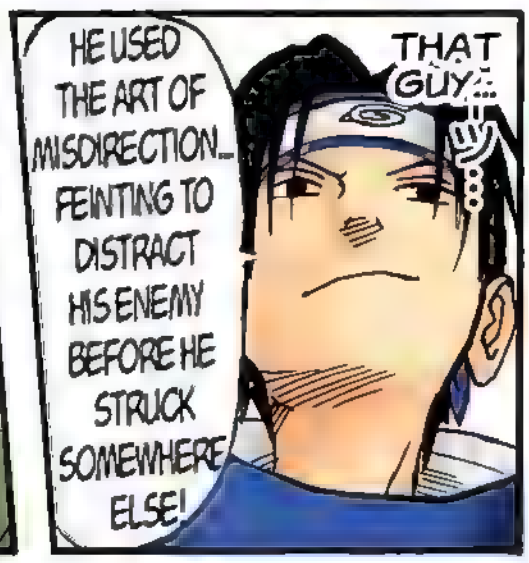
.....HERE'S PAYBACK FOR WHAT YOU DID TO MY ASS!

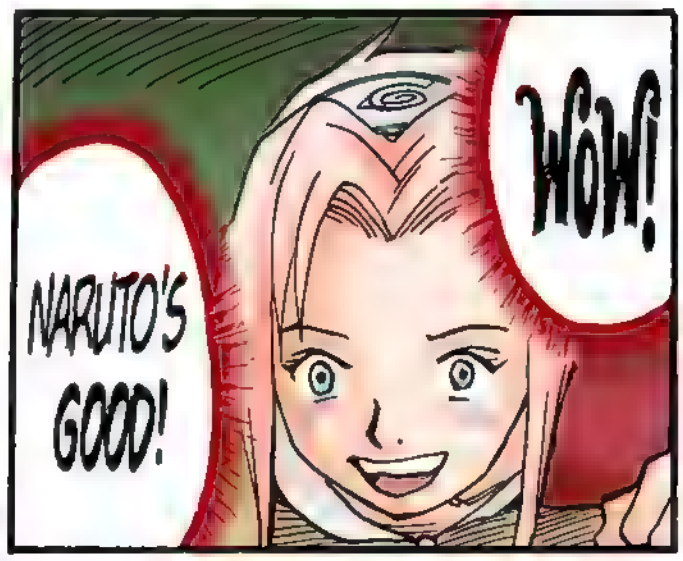
THIS MUST BE HARD ON YOU, SO I'LL GO EASY. ONE GOOD HIT IS ALL I WANT.

WHILE I CIRCLED AROUND, BEHIND YOU!

I ISOLATED ONE OF MY DOPPEL-GANGERS... SENT IT OUT OF THE WATER POSING AS ME.

POW





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RELAX! I TOLD YOU, I'M ONLY GONNA HIT YOU ONCE!!

HA-HA-- AIIIIEE--!

!!?

HUNH?

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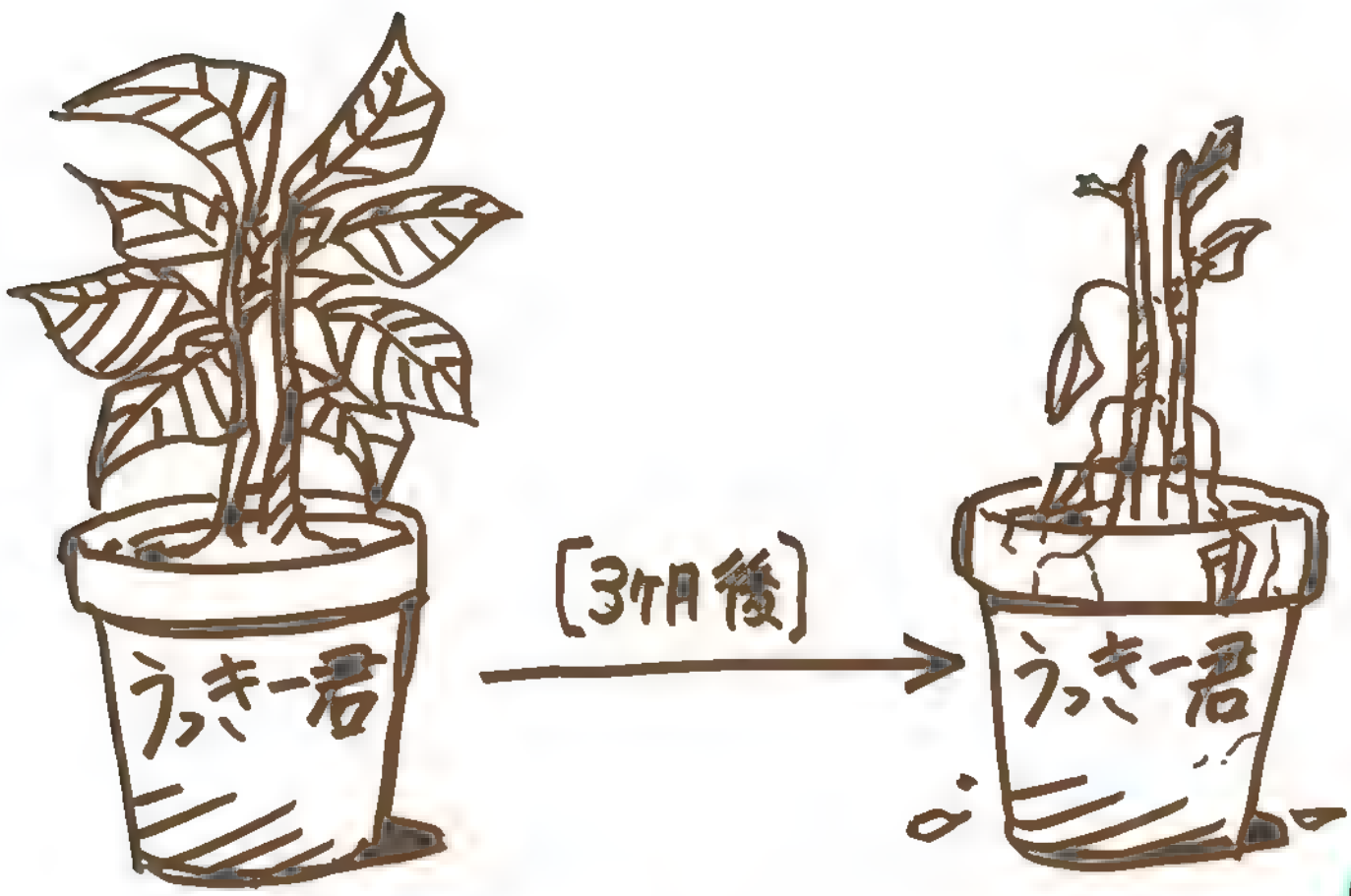
AN ANECDOTE by Masashi Kishimoto

Coming from the country, I grew up surrounded by the beauties of nature, trees, plants, and open ground. So moving to Tokyo was quite a shock. There was hardly a plant or a natural setting to be found. I had to do something to create the country atmosphere and keep myself from feeling homesick. Something that would soothe me enough that I could concentrate on creating good manga. So I decided to buy a houseplant for my desk.

Kishimoto: "From now on, you're my partner!"
I even gave my plant a name: *Ukki-kun*, as in "Mr. Ukki."
Kishimoto: "Well, Ukki, you look very shiny and green today!"
Ukki: "....."
Kishimoto: "It was a good day for photosynthesis, huh?"
Ukki: "....."
Kishimoto: "Today I'm going to give you an excellent fertilizer for vigorous growth!"
We were a super-team.
Assistant A: "What is this, Mr. Kishimoto? How did your plant get all dried out?"
Kishimoto: "What are you saying?! I gave Ukki the best care!"
Assistant A: "You mean this? This fertilizer is concentrated, so you need to dilute it a lot. Oh no! You mean you didn't dilute it?!"
Sigh...



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NOT SASUKE!

ナンバー6：サスケ君に限って…!!

NARUTO ...?!

I THOUGHT I HIT... 当たったは…？

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OWW!

OW!

OW!

OW!!!

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ナンバー6：サスケ君(くん)に限(かぎ)って…!!

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YOU USED THE ART OF TRANS-FORMATION TO CHANGE!!

YOU'RE MASTER KAKASHI, AREN'T YOU!

YOU HAVE THE SAME SMELL AS MASTER KAKASHI... LIKE AN OLD GUY!

I DO NOT!!

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DID NOT!

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NO! YOU DID!

SO DID YOU!

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BECAUSE I'M YOU, IDIOT!

WHY DIDN'T YOU THINK OF THAT SOONER, IDIOT?!

'HUFF'

'HUFF'

'HUFF'

IF YOU DO, THERE'LL JUST BE TWO OF US... AND YOU'LL KNOW FOR SURE WHICH OF US IS WHICH.

'HUFF'

'HUFF'

'HUFF'

HEY! WAIT A MINUTE.

DROP THE ILLUSION.

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HE USED THE ART OF SUBSITUTION.
身の術だ

...LOOKS AWFUL.
悪い

NARUTO...
ルト…

NARUTO SHED A FEW TEARS....

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すばやく入れかわる

PART OF THE TECHNIQUE IS TO MAKE IT LOOK AS THOUGH YOU'VE BEEN STRUCK, AND (IN THE INTERVAL, STRIKE BACK...

ようにを突く術…

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カッ!

IT'S THE THIRD ARTICLE IN THE FIRST SCROLL OF NINJUTSU! YOU ACT WITH SPEED AND SKILL, TO SWAP PLACES WITH ONE OF THE PLANTS, ANIMALS, OR PEOPLE IN THE LANDSCAPE.

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WHEN HE WAS ATTACKED, NOT ONLY DID HE CREATE AN OPTICAL ILLUSION BUT HE USED NARUTO'S ACTUAL ATTACK..! AGAINST HIM.

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...MAKE THE SWITCH!

THAT SO-CALLED ELITE SHINOBI TRADED PLACES WITH ONE OF NARUTO'S DOPPELGANGERS.

HMM!

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A BELL!!!

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HHH

TO DROP ONE..... HAH...

HEE- HEE- HEE- HEE! HE MUST HAVE BEEN PRETTY FLUSTERED...

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HUNH!?

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WHAT THE HECK--?!

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BUT EVEN MORE TROUBLING,,, MASTER KAKASHI DIDN'T DROP HIS GUARD EVEN ONCE DURING THE FIGHT WITH NARUTO...

OF COURSE IT'S A TRAP...

!

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AND TO BE CAUGHT IN SUCH AN OBVIOUS TRAP...

WAS STUPID!

ARGH--!!!

YOU USED YOUR TECHNIQUE WELL, BUT SO DID I...

AND YOU WERE THE ONE WHO GOT USED.

OH!

I KNOW THAT!!

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フ"ン

UH, NO YOU DON'T. THAT'S WHY I'M SAYING IT.

SHINOBI READ THE HIDDEN MEANINGS WITHIN THE HIDDEN MEANINGS!

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HERE!

HE'S FINALLY OFF-GUARD!

WHOA! WHOA! NO WAY!!

THAT WAS OVERKILL, SASUKE!!

NARUTO, YOU...

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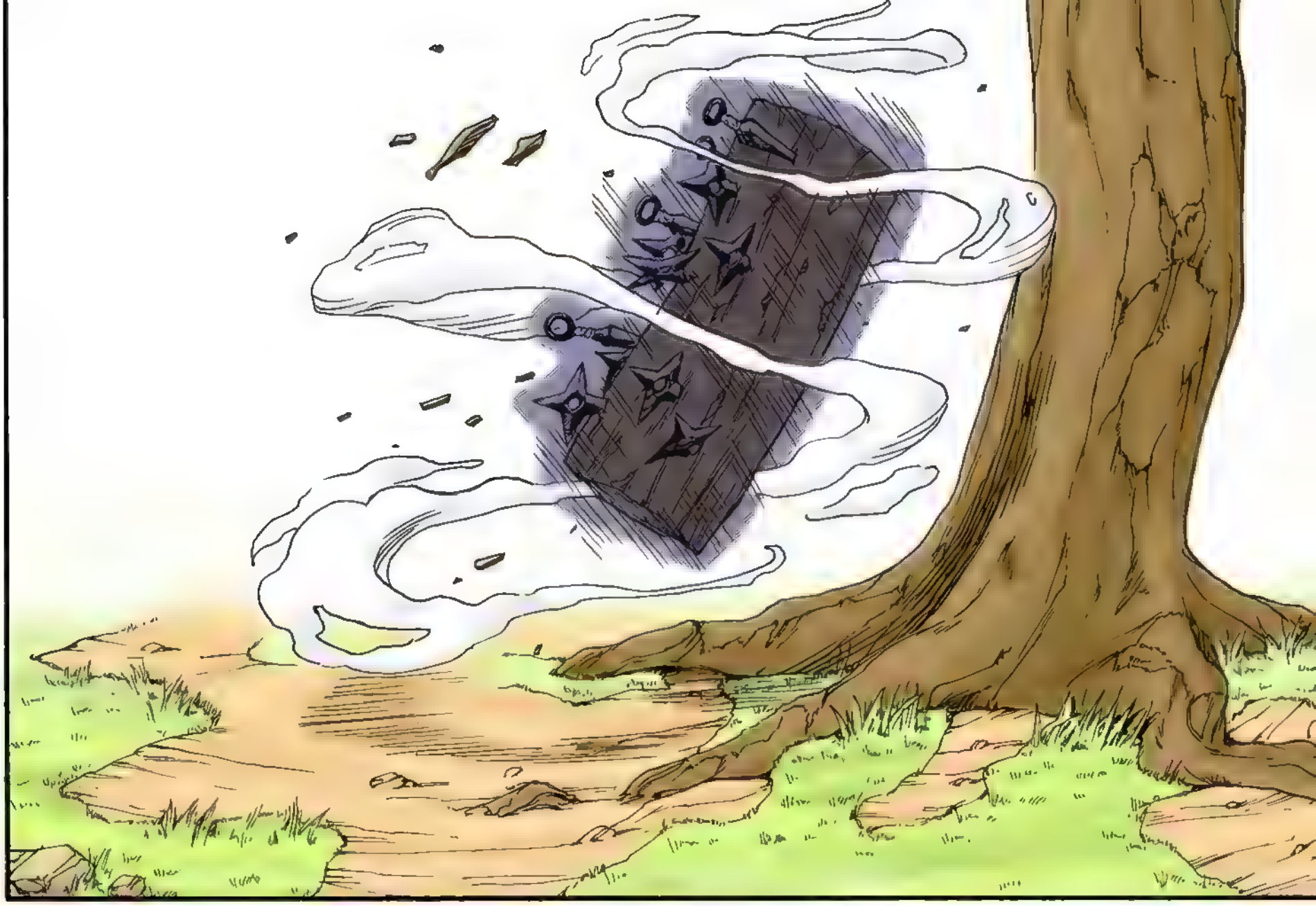

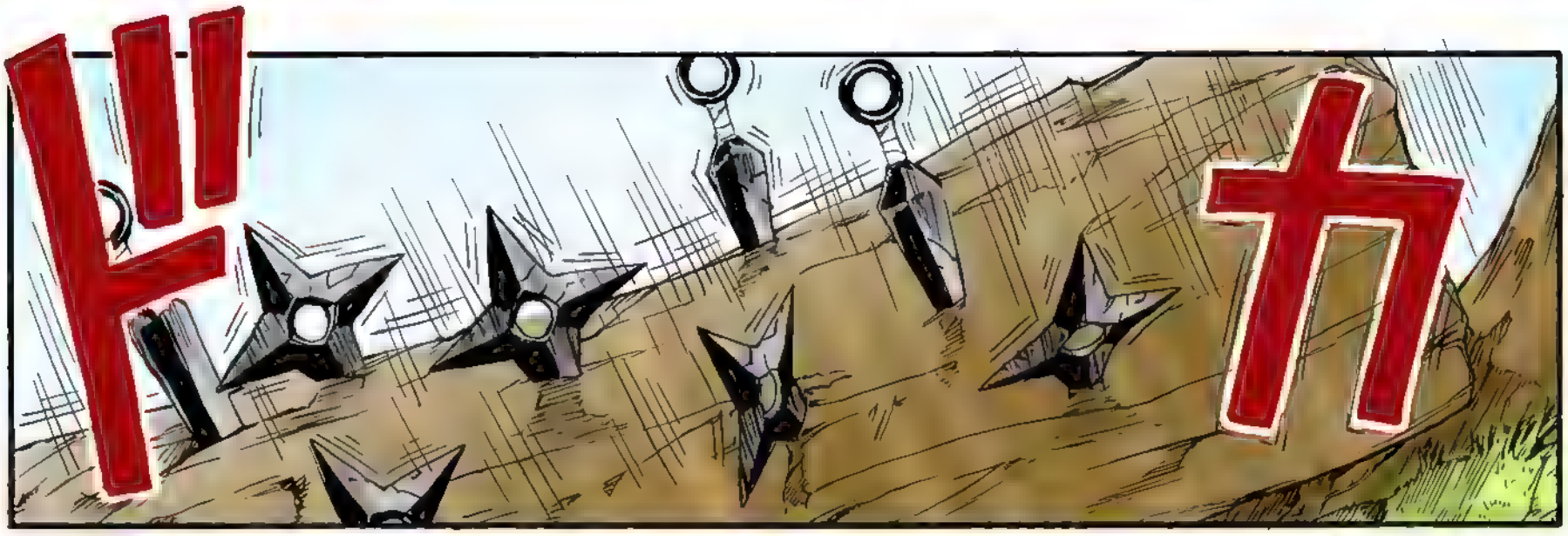

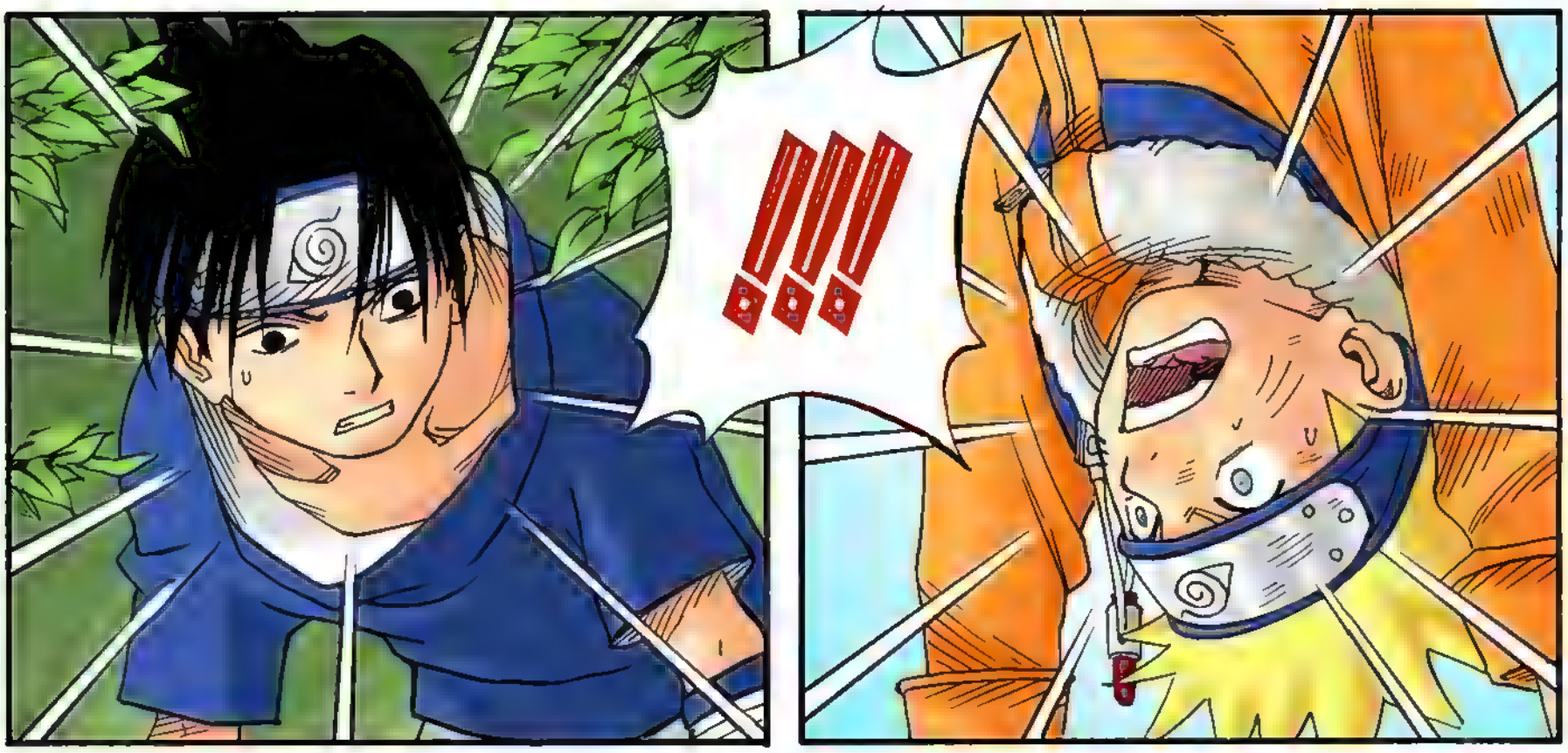

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OVER THERE, EH? か…

HE USED THE ART OF SUBSTITUTION AGAIN...AND I JUST GAVE AWAY MY LOCATION!!

HE DELIBERATELY ACTED LIKE HE WAS OFF GUARD... AND I FELL FOR IT LIKE AN AMATEUR!

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どこ
WHERE ARE YOU?!
は!?

…サスケ君
SASUKE...

!!

SHF!!

NO, I WON'T BELIEVE THAT! NOT SASUKE!

MASTER KAKASHI MUST HAVE GOTTEN HIM.

RUSTLE

WHAT!?

SAKURA, BEHIND YOU!

...SAFE! HE HASN'T SEEN ME...!

CHING

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"READ THE HIDDEN MEANINGS WITHIN THE HIDDEN MEANINGS," MY BUTT!

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TAK

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NO WAY AM I GONNA GET CAUGHT...

...IN ANOTHER OF MASTER KAKASHI'S TRAPS!!!

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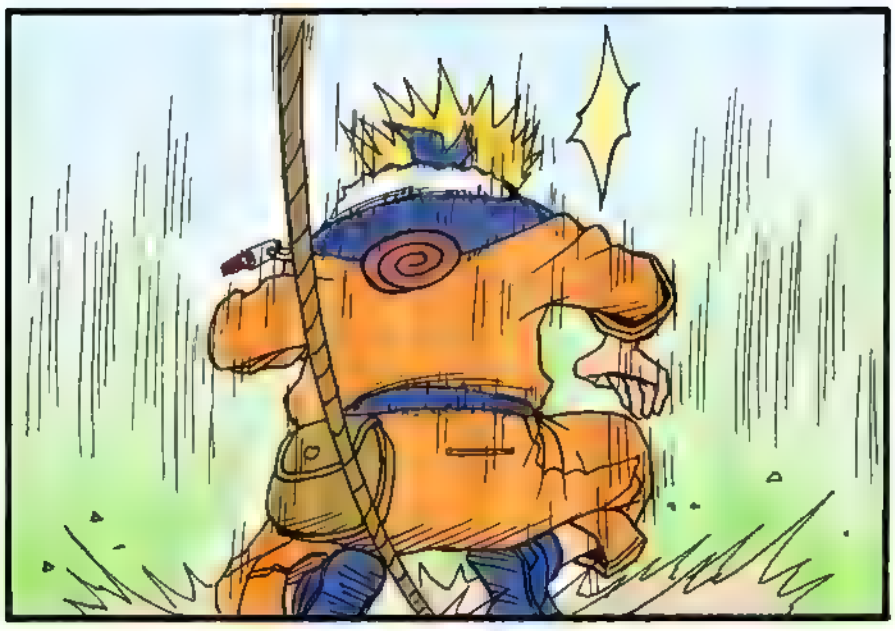

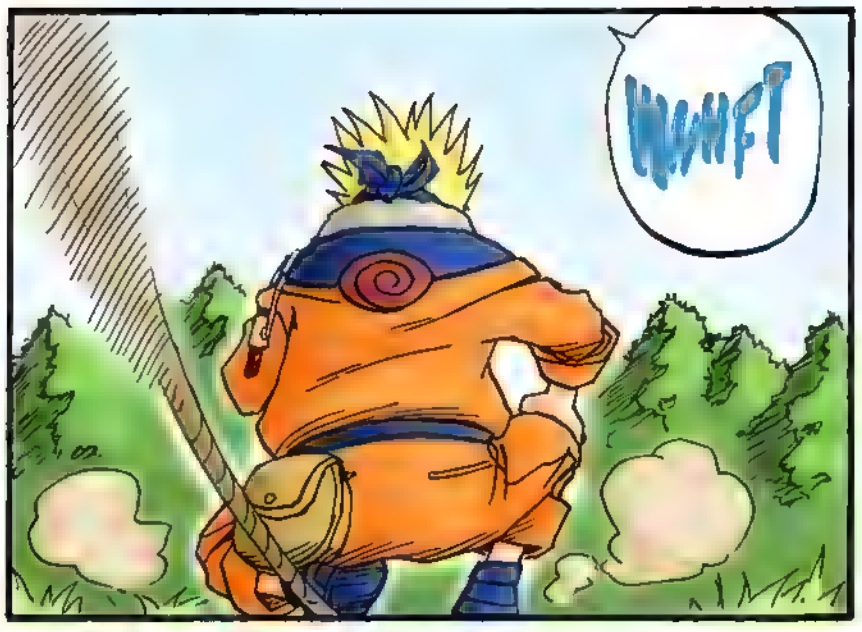

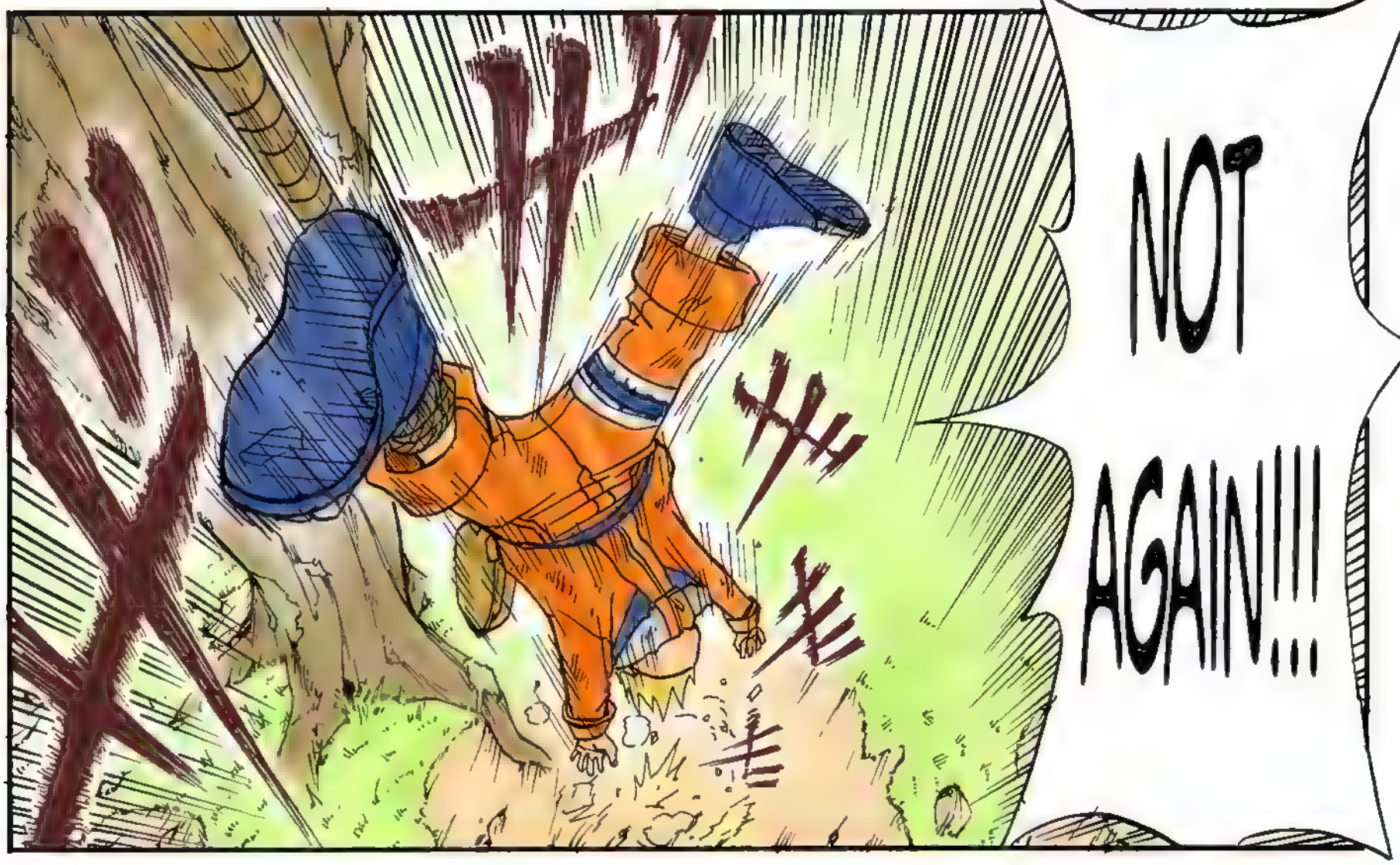

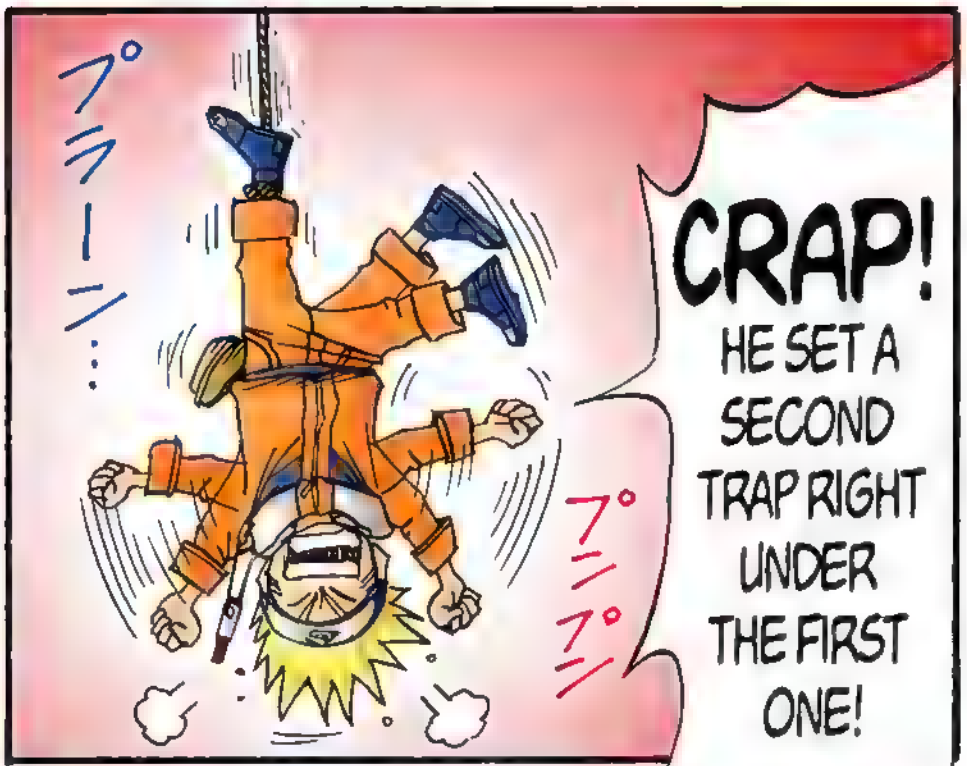

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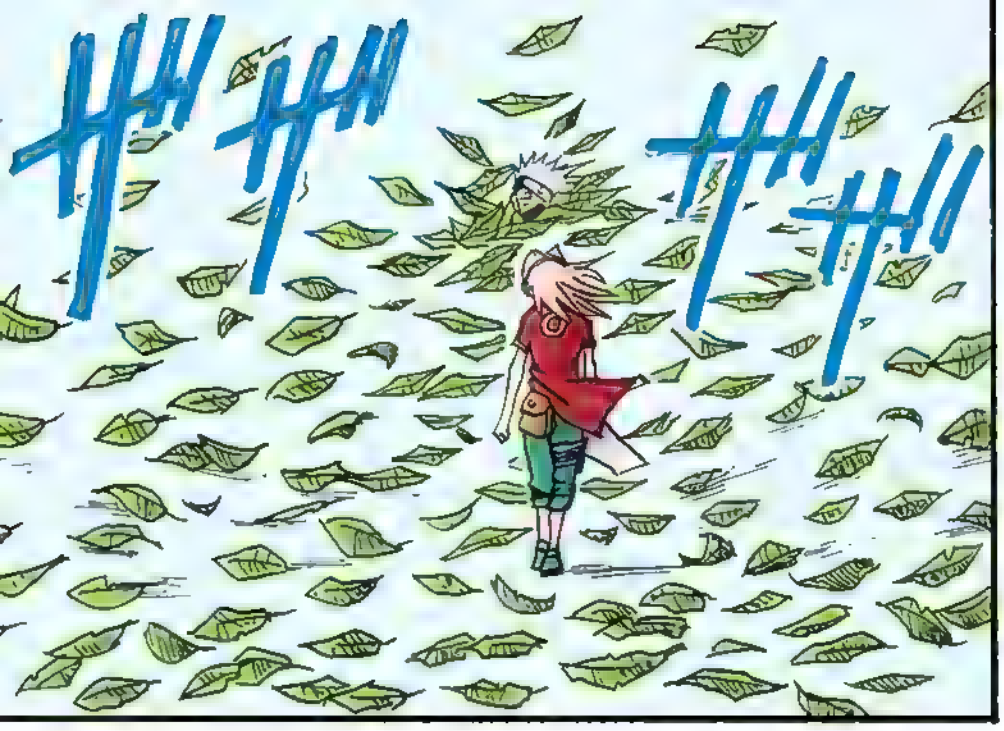

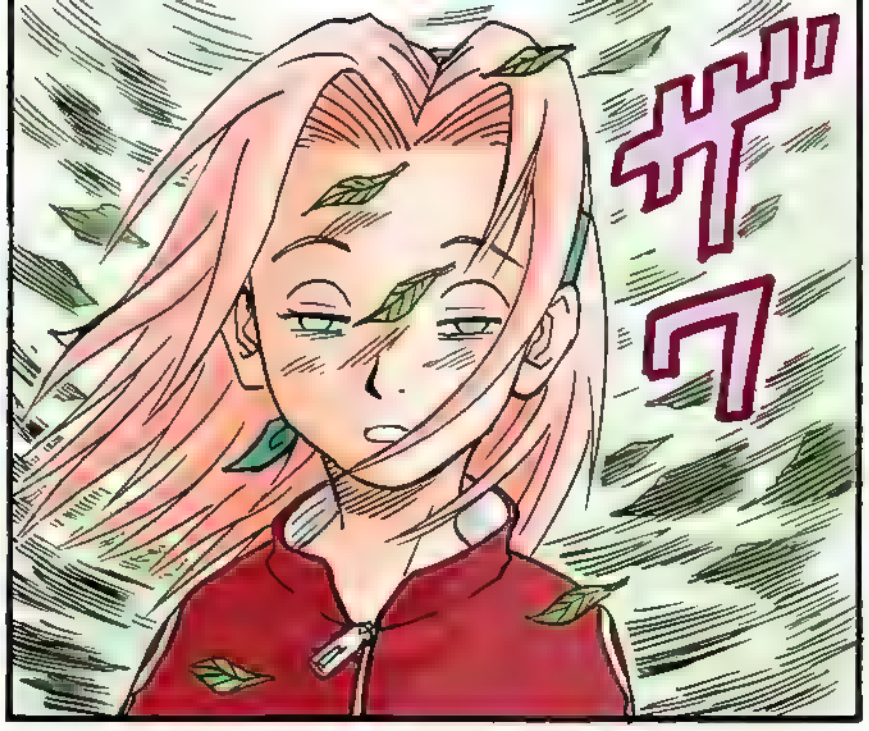

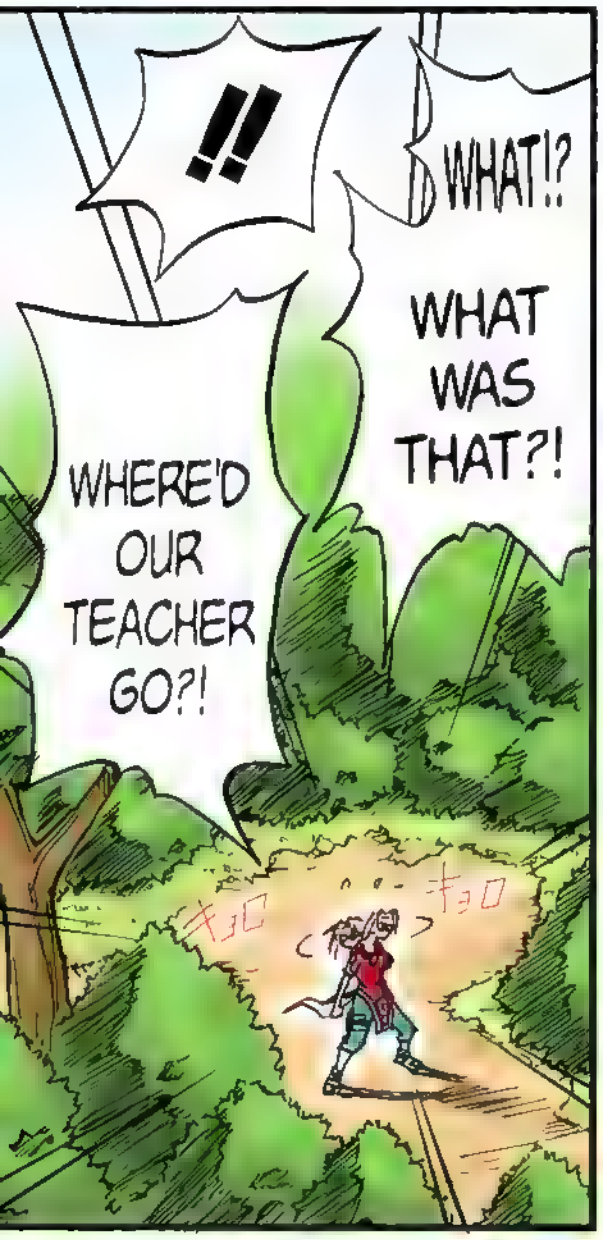

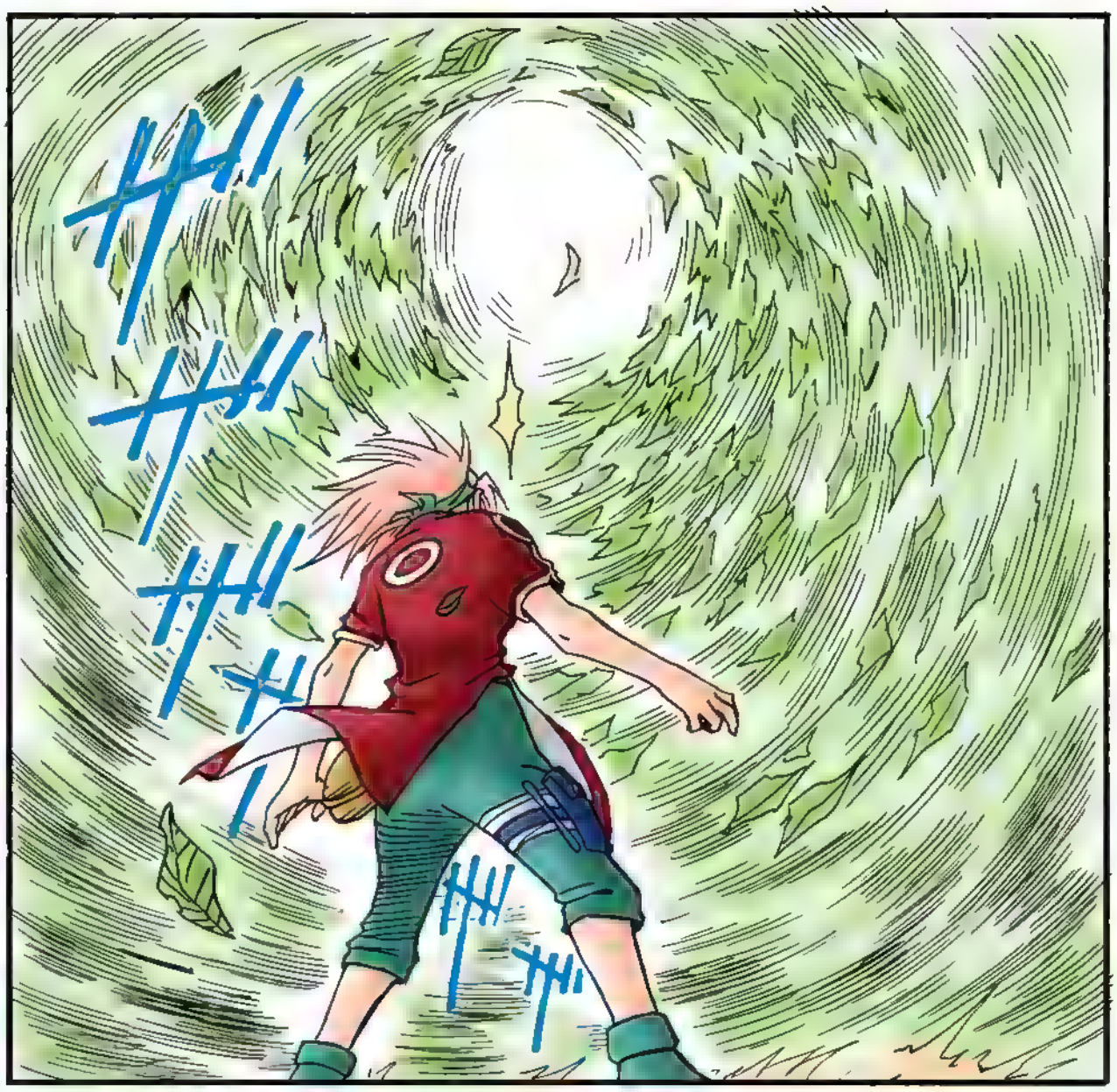

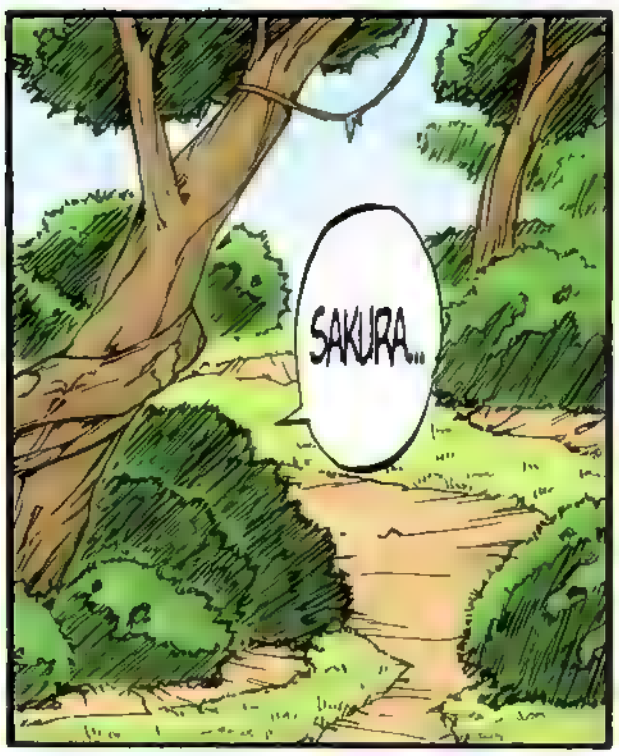

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H-HELP... ME...

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HUFF

...SA..... SAKU... RA..

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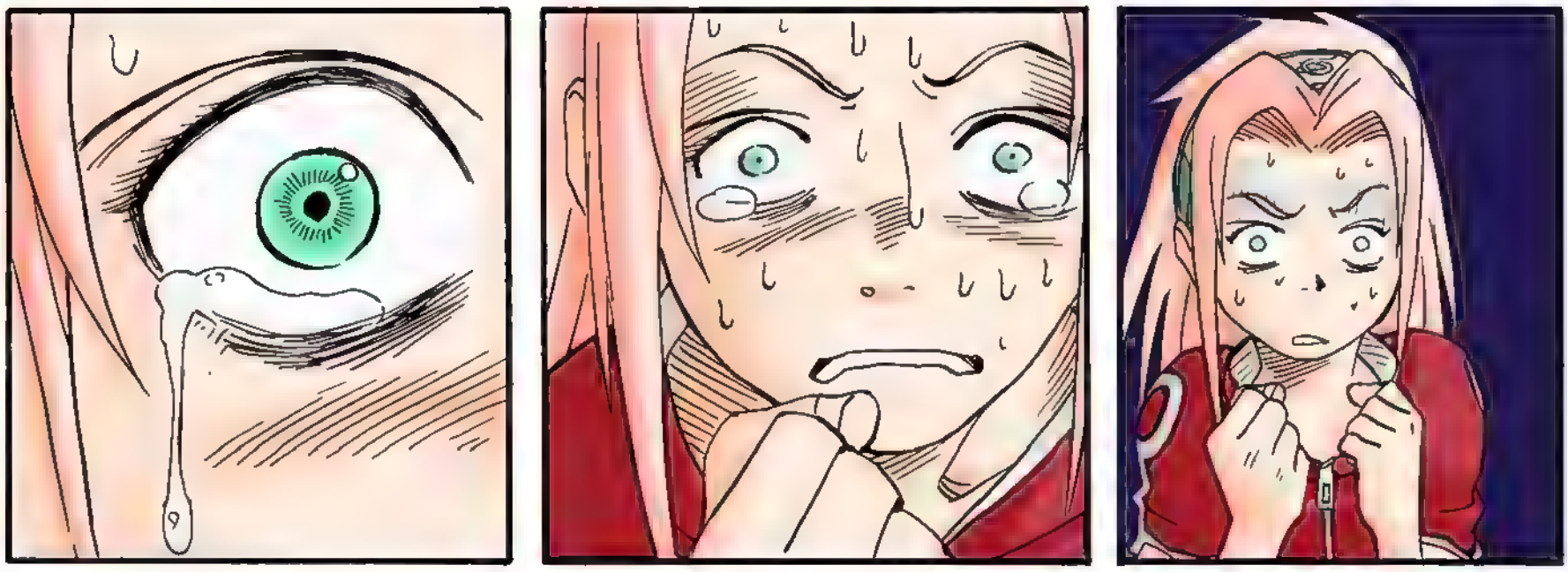

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THE SECOND NINJUTSU SKILL -

GENJUTSU- THE ART OF ILLUSION.

AND SAKURA FELL FOR IT.

CHING

...THAT SCREAM I JUST HEARD...

サクラ…

SAKURA...

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IF THAT WAS SAKURA, IT'S POSSIBLE HE MAY HAVE BEATEN HER... BUT...

HE'S BEEN USING THE ART OF ILLUSION... EMPLOYING HYPNOTISM TO CREATE HALLUCINATIONS IN OTHERS.

見催眠法(かくさいみんぽう)。。

ブクブク

HA

I'M NOT LIKE THEM.

SAVE YOUR BOASTS UNTIL YOU'VE GOT A BELL...

...SASUKE.

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NARUTO STAFF

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7：KAKASHI'S DECISION

カカシの結論（けつろん）

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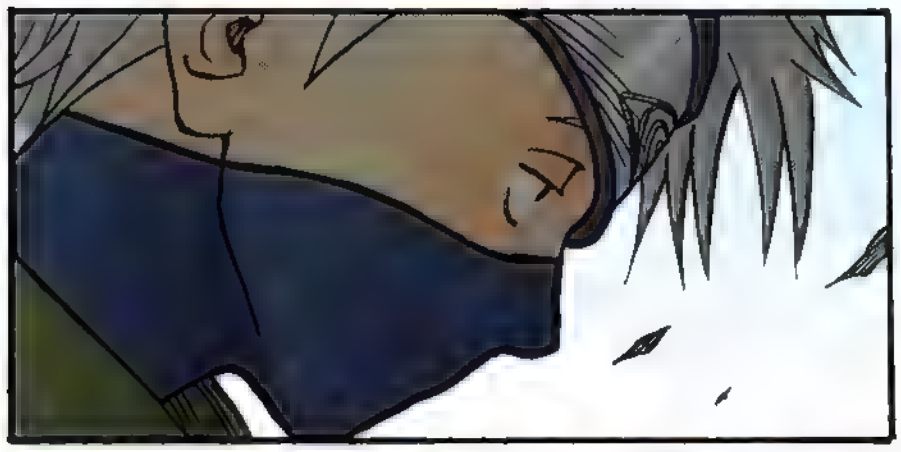
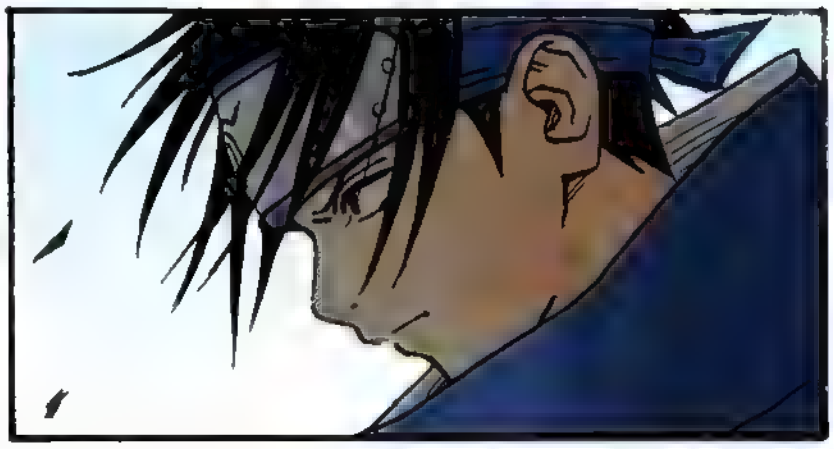
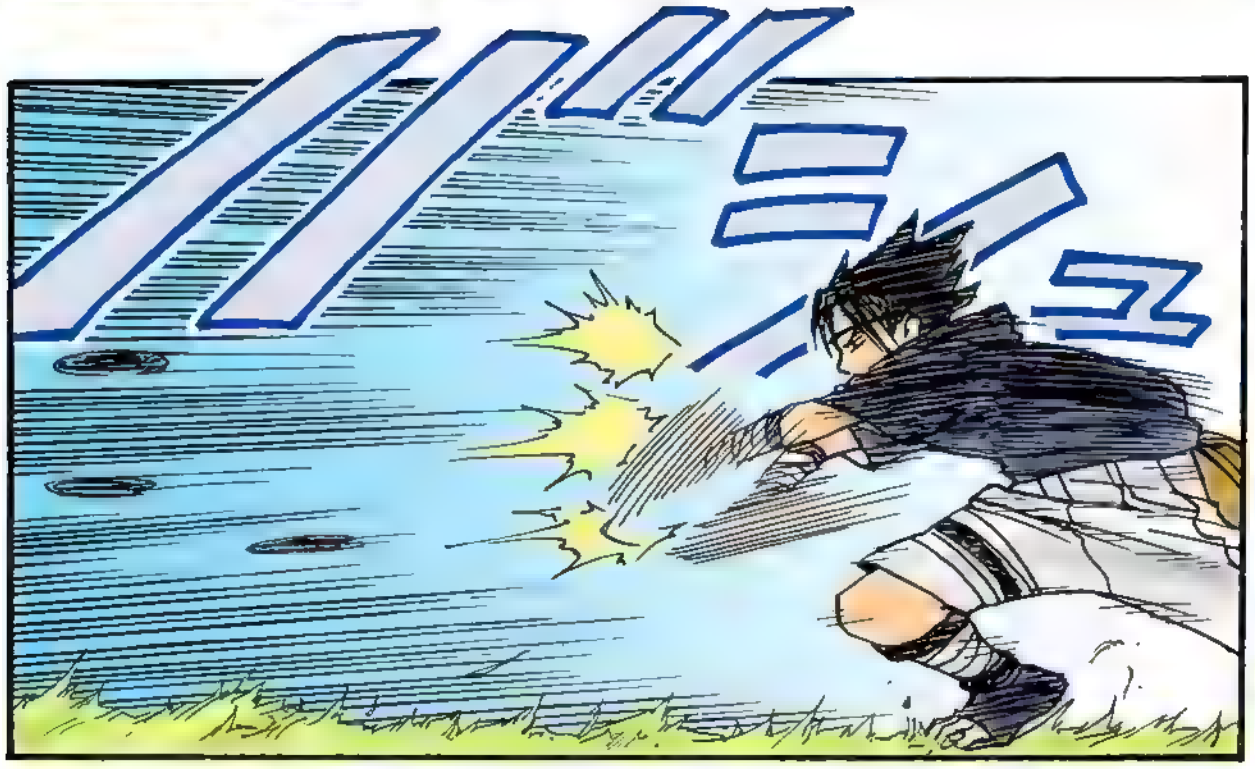
I'M LOOKING FORWARD TO IT...

THE STRENGTH OF THE UCHIHA CLAN... THE MOST ELITE FAMILY IN KONOHAGAKURE VILLAGE...







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A FRONTAL ASSAULT IS WASTED HERE.

A TRAP?!

FWUP

HME

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WHAT--?!

FWOOM

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COLORED
NARUTO-MANGA.COM

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PAFF!

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CHING

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HEH...

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ハッ!!

HE'S--!!

ハッ

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PUFF
PUFF
HUFF
I CAN'T EVEN READ "MAKE OUT PARADISE" WHILE WE'RE FIGHTING!
イチャパラを読めない
THIS ONE'S NOT BAD.
奴だって
CHINNG
SA-SUKE--!!
DON'T DIE... DON'T LEAVE ME!
WHERE ARE YOU?!
!
...AND WHEN I SAW THAT I.....
I REMEMBER! SASUKE WAS DYING....
HUNH?
.....
...I.....
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HEE- HEE-
HEE- HEE!

SHINOBI ARE SUPPOSED TO READ THE HIDDEN MEANINGS WITHIN THE HIDDEN MEANINGS...
RIGHT?

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HEY... THE LUNCH BOXES ARE ON TOP OF THE BOULDER!

FWUP

!

THE TREE STUMP! SO THAT'S WHAT IT LOOKS LIKE FROM BEHIND...

...IS THAT A ROCK?

!

WA

WA

.....

I ADMIT IT.

YOU'RE NOT LIKE THE OTHERS.

TIGER!

HORSE!

-; HMF -

THAT SKILL IS BEYOND THE CAPACITY OF ANY NOVICE... HIS CHAKRA SHOULDN'T HAVE DEVELOPED ENOUGH YET TO PERFORM IT!

WHA.... AAT--?!

FIRE STYLE! FIREBALL TECHNIQUE!

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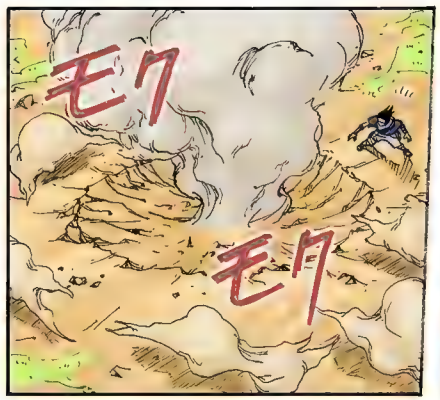

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WHA...!

EARTH STYLE! GROUNDHOG TECHNIQUE DECAPITATION!

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NOOOO--!

...BUT AT LEAST, AS YOU PREDICTED, YOUR PERFORMANCE WAS HEAD AND SHOULDERS ABOVE THAT OF YOUR COMPANIONS.

SHINOBI BATTLE TECHNIQUE, LESSON NUMBER THREE - *NINJUTSU.*

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HEE
HEE
HEE

CRAP!!

YOU KNOW WHAT THEY SAY! THE NAIL THAT STICKS UP IS THE ONE THAT GETS HAMMERED DOWN, RIGHT? HEH-HEH-HEH...

OH, WELL!

SKFF SKFF

-AHEM!-

UUUH... JUST KIDDING!

TOO LATE!

I'LL JUST HANG OUT HERE AND EAT EVERY-BODY'S LUNCH!

I CAN DEAL WITH IT.

EVEN IF I CAN'T TAKE THOSE BELLS FAIR AND SQUARE...

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カサ...

CRAP... I THOUGHT I WAS SO CLOSE... う…の差が…

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IT'S SASUKE'S HEAD... IT'S BEEN SEVERED!!!

EEEEAAAGH--!

THAT'S SASUKE'S VOICE.

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HEY...

WHAT WAS THAT ALL ABOUT?

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YOU'RE ALIVE!!

YEAH... FINE... OKAY...

YOU CAN LET GO NOW!

SASUKE!

!

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THIS TIME I'LL TAKE THEM.

I GOT CLOSE ENOUGH TO TOUCH THEM....

SASUKE— DO YOU HONESTLY BELIEVE YOU CAN GET ONE OF THOSE BELLS?

WHAT?!

I'M OFF.

TIME'S RUNNING OUT. IT'S ALMOST NOON.

...EVEN IF WE COULDN'T MANAGE IT THIS TIME... I'M SURE, NEXT TIME, IF WE GIVE IT OUR ALL...

UH... I MEAN... THERE'S NO MORE TIME AND.....

:THIS IS TERRIBLE! HOW WILL I EVER GET A BELL FOR MYSELF?! ない ら い

I CAN'T GO ON LIKE THIS. I MIGHT END UP SOMEWHERE FAR AWAY FROM SASUKE!!!!

REALLY! WOW...

YOU'RE SO AMAZING...

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YOU MEAN... MASTER KAKASHI?!

WHO?

ONLY I CAN KILL HIM.

MY.....

WHO CRIED...?

THAT TIME... CRYING...

I HAVE TO BECOME STRONGER THAN HE IS... NOW.

MY ONLY GOAL IS TO HAVE MY REVENGE.

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WHAT...

WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT...!?

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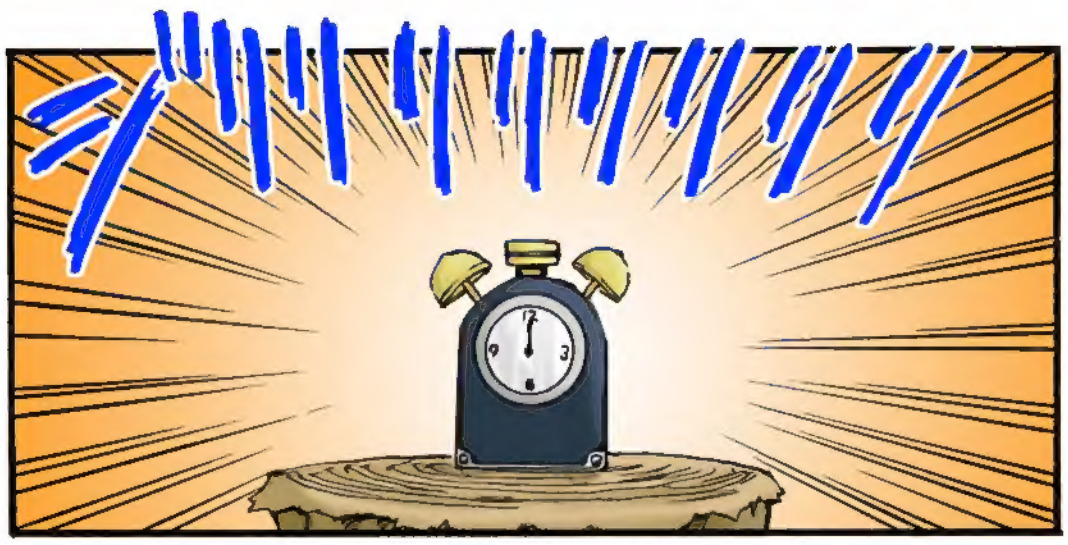
THERE'S SOMEONE I HAVE SWORN... TO KILL.

サスケ君…

SASUKE...



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...CRAP!

I SHOULD HAVE SAVED MY BREATH.

OH...

...ABOUT THIS EXERCISE.

I HAVE AN ANNOUNCE-MENT...

OH, MY. LISTEN TO ALL THE LITTLE STOMACHS GROWL!

BY THE WAY, YOU THREE....

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TEN MINUTES LATER—

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!!

...NEED WORRY ANY MORE ABOUT BEING SENT BACK TO THE NINJA ACADEMY.

NONE OF YOU...

HMM...

愛は勝つ! しゃんなろ!!

なるサクラ

EVEN ME? AFTER THE WAY I FAINTED?!

WE ALL PASSED?

YEEAH!!

THIS ROCKS!

IT MEANS ALL THREE OF US...

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NONE OF YOU WILL EVER BE SHINOBI!!!

.....ARE HOPELESS. MORE SCHOOLING WOULD BE POINTLESS.

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